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23rd "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9200
30th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
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TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram, in very good order.

1 handsome strong victoria, in very good order.

1 handsome strong glass-fronted miniature brougham, in very good order.

1 grey Arab, quiet in harness.

1 bay pony quiet in harness and saddle.

1 bay waler gelding, 16 hands, 6 years, thoroughly broken to single and double harness, fine mover.

1 bay waler gelding, aged 15-2, winner of Steeple Chase, been hunted all this season, broken to harness.

2 Rampur hounds and one Brindle hound, females, one Rampur hound with pup carrying.

The property of Dr. J. Pollen, C. I. E.—

3 saddles with bridles.

1 gentleman bicycle, in very good order.

On SUNDAY, the 13th instant at 1 p.m, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 28 Pali Hill, Bandra, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved household furniture, rich glass and crockery-ware, best plated ware, glass door almyrahs, drawing room cabinets, marble top dressing and washhand tables, firstrate pictures and oleographs, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, brass and iron bedsteads, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich carpets, etc., etc., the property of H.L.SWORTH Esq.

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BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 11th March, 1904.

THE BERNDORF METAL WORKS, OF ARTHUR KRUPP,

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Berndorf, in Austria, December 1903.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MARCH 9.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	£85 5-8	= + 3-16
3 do. Rentes	£96	= unchanged
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£102 1-2	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 1-4	= + 1-8

SILVER—

Spot in London	26 7-16	= — 1-4
2 months hence	26 1-16	= — 1-4
Spot in New York	57 3-8	= — 1-2

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·17	= + 1-2
Berlin "	20·45 1-2	= — 1-4
New York Demand	4·86 5-8	= + 1-3

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	per cent = unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3	per cent = — 1-8
6 " " "	3	1-8 per cent = unchanged
9 " " Fine " Trade Bills	3	1-2 per cent = do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3	3-4 per cent = do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 3-8	= do
7 day market loans	2 5-8	= — 1-8

Amount the Bank of England about £175,000

At the Periodical bidtings for Council Bills for Rs. 60,00,000 were allotted to Calcutta

Rs. 20,00	do	Bombay
Rs. 11·90	do	Madras
Rs. 8·80		
Rs. 10·70		

At 1s. 4 1-16d.

Minimum rate received 33 per cent. Average rate 16·06.

Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. Nil	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs. 17·60	do	Bombay
Rs. 1·70	do	Madras
Rs. 19·30		

At 1s. 4 3-32d.

Minimum rate received 33 per cent. Average rate 16·03.

Total amount sold during the week Rs. 80,50,000

Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 60,00,000

Extra allotments Bills in Bombay Rs. 20,000 at 1-4 3-32

METALS—

Copper Braziers	£83-5-0 — 5s.
Yellow metal	£8 1-8d.
Tin Plates	11s.
Bar Iron Belgian	£4-17-6
Iron Corrugated Sheets	£10-5-0
Basic Steel Bars	£4-18-0

RUBBER—

Para Rubber 4-7 Done + 1-1

RAPESEED—

Yellow Guzerat 34 1-8 A.-M Done, tone dull.

Yellow Cawnpore 33 1-1. A.-M. Sellers, tone dull.

LINSEED—

Linseed Bold. 33 1-8 A.-M. Done, tone easier.

COFFEE—

Coffee in New York 6 9-16

ARRIVAL—

Steamer Ernest Simons.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed firmer. Surats steady. Manchester steady. Total sales 12,000 Spot 8·62 plus 12. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 9 1-2 plus 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000. Imports 2,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Mar.-April	April-May	May-June.
8·43 plus 14	8·42 plus 14	8·41 plus 13
June-July 8·38 plus 13	July-Aug. 8·35 plus 12	Aug.-Sept. 8·11 plus 12
Sept.-Oct. 7·24 plus 3	Oct.-Nov. 6·85 plus 2	Nov.-Dec. 6·72 plus 2

Receipts at U. S. Ports	13,000	
Do. last year	21,000	
Exports to Great Britain	7,000	
Do. do Continent	nil.	

In New York—

Spot	16·65 plus 40
Futures, month of March	16·12 plus 52
Do. do. June	15·41 plus 59

In New Orleans—

Spot	15 9-16 plus 1-4
Futures, month of June	13·49 plus 57
Do. do. Sept	13·70 plus 35
Tone at close	firm.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 28 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 10th March, 1904 :—

Cotton	5,865 bales.
Wheat	17,783 cwts.
Linseed	18,355 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	2,785 "
Gingellyseed	3,348 "
Poppyseed	2 "
Groundnuts	826 "
Castorseed	1,313 "
Hide	23,175 "
Myrabollams	1,123 "
Cottonseed	3,382 "
Mowraseed	Nil "
Gram	795 "
Jowar	10,703 "
Maize	1,176 "

BOMBAY, MARCH 10.

Exchange—Tone steady.

Bank T.T. ..... 1s. 4 1-32d.

Bank Demand ..... 1s. 4 1-16d.

Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A. 1s. 4 9-32d,

Do 6 do do 1s. 4 13-32d

French Francs	3	do	do	171
Marks	3	do	do	139
Hongkong	30	Days'	Sight	133
Shanghai	30	do	do	191
Japan	30	do	do	Nominal.

Government Paper—3½ per cent. Tone firm.

Cash ..... Rs. 98'2

1st Settlement 30th March " 98'0

Money Market.—Tone quiet.

BANK RATE.

Bank of England	since 3rd Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do 10th Mar.	5	do.
Bank of Bengal	do 10th Mar.	6	do.
Bank of Madras	do 22nd Feb.	7	do.

SEEDS— Rs. a. p.

Linseed.—Tone quiet.

Ready	5	8	0

Rapeseed.—Tone dull.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	3	6
Do Forward April May	5	4	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5	10	0
Do Forward April May	5	10	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	5	11	0
Do Forward April May	5	12	0

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	5	14	0
Forward April May	5	15	0

Castorseed—Tone Steady.

Ready	21	0	0

Gingellyseed.—Tone Steady.

Howree Khandeish	31	8	0
15 per cent. Mixed	31	4	0
25 per cent. "	30	0	0
50 per cent. "	28	0	0
Black Kutnee "	25	0	0
Yellow Hinganghat	33	0	0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet

Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs. 30
Club No. 1 "	" 29
Hard Red "	" 25

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone firm.

Estimated sales			10,000 bales.
Imports			8,000 "
Mar.-Apl.	Apl-May	May-June.	
8·51	8·50	8·49	
—8	—8	—8	
June-July.	July.-Aug.	Aug-Sept	
8·45	8·43	8·18	
—8	—8	—8	
Sept-Oct	Oct-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	
7·32	6·93	6·83	
—8	—8	—8	

COTTON.—The market is firm. A moderate business is reported at Colaba at full rates. There is still a good enquiry for Broach, and other descriptions have also been in demand.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	248	235	227	25 March.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)	251	239	...	do
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	251	239	...	do
Oomrawatee (descriptions)	M.-G. 265	259	...	do
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...	...	248	240 do
Jalgaum do.	...	...	250	242 do
Khandwa do.	...	...	260	... do
Khangaum fair staple (M-G)	267	260	...	do
Karanja do. do.				
Akola do. do.				
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)	270	263	...	do
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	276	268	...	do
Broach (M.-G.)	330	318	303	do
Surat	355	...	...	do
Bhownugger (M. G	273	268	...	25 May
Do. M.G.	274	264	...	May.
Mutia (M. G.)	248	258	...	
Dharwar (S.-G	...	...	285	March.
Western	...	...	272	do.

Telegraphic Message from Hongkong reports the following :—

Fortnightly Sales 8,000 bales.

Unsold Stock Estimated at 23,000 bales.

Market Steady firm.

Exchange Quotation, Rs. 137 1-2.

The following is the statement of the Silver Balance in the Bombay Mint for the week ending 9th March :—

	Rs.
Value of Silver held on account of Straits Dollar coinage on the evening of the 2nd March	1,09,70,000
Value of Government Silver on do, do.	34,94,000
Total	1,44,64,000

Add—Silver received during the week on account of Straits Dollar coinage 9,84,000

Do. do. Government 69,48,000

79,32,000

2,03,96,000

Deduct—Dollars transferred to Custom House for export of the value of 31,76,000

Petty Issue for miscellaneous purposes .....

New Coin paid to the Currency Department. 26,00,000

Do. Reserve Treasury 12,00,000

38,76,000

Balance on evening of the 9th March, 1904 1,34,20,000

The Balance comprises—

	Rs.
Silver held on account of the Tenderers	87,78,000
Do do Government	46,42,000
	1,34,20,000

There is in addition awaiting Assay—

	Rs.
Bullion received for Straits Dollar coinage	3,37,000
Bullion belonging to Government	4,80,000
	8,67,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The following report is dated Liverpool the 18th ultimo :—

The past week has brought us a few days of comparative calm, and prices show hardly any change since we wrote you last. The recent decline has undoubtedly led to heavy liquidation, and the atmosphere is now clearer. The weak bull element in America has been scarce, and has liquidated, and the New Orleans interest, which had become very unwieldy, has been enormously reduced. It is said that, last week, New Orleans banks tried to raise loans in London on Cotton, but without success, and consequently they have forced some of the old bulls to realise their stockes and it now seems that the worst of this financial depression is over. We should not like to say however, that there will be no more bull manipulation; on the contrary that may break out again any moment. The leading speculators in New Orleans have made immense fortunes the last years, and they can afford to suffer heavy losses without being obliged to go out of the article. Now that cotton is on a much healthier basis, we should not be surprised to see the bull leaders re-enter the market; in fact a New York friend cabled us last night that the New-York cliques had recommenced buying. If this should be the case, the quietness of the last few days is but the calm before the storm. The same friend adds that he believes the consumption is much under estimated, and we are inclined to share this opinion. In the neighbourhood of 7d, spinners will probably buy more freely, as indeed they have already been doing since the heavy drop has taken place. Apart from this, we should not be surprised to see American spinners, who are at present almost bare of the raw material, resume working full time, and absorb at present prices all the Cotton which yet remains in the hands of the New Orleans cliques. On this subject, our Manchester agent writes that he sees signs that certain big spinners will secede from the recent combination, and resume working full time seeing that orders for yarns at full prices are beginning to come again. A large flax firm in London sends us the following extract from the "Imperial Russian Gazette" which may be of interest to our friends :—

The question of the substitution of Cotton for Linen material on army clothing has been a most serious consideration, both in Military Departments as well as in the Press. According to information received the soldiers have been in the habit of selling the Linen Shirting and Lining supplied by the Government and substituting cotton material for the same. Since Linen Goods were in general use tastes and habits of the people have under gone a great change, and cotton materials are now taking the place of Linen material in most of the villages. As a natural consequence, the peasants demur to going back to the old system when they are called up for service. Taking every thing into consideration the Technical Commitee expressed the opinion that it would be advisable to allow the soldiers to buy Linen or Cotton shirting on the Rs. 1-26 allowed to each for that purpose and it was proposed to substitute cotton for Linen Lining. If this proposal be adopted, it will have a serious effect on the Flax and cotton markets. Receipts during the last few days, have been very small, and it may be that the crop in the end will prove to be less even than our estimate of 10,500,000. The continuation of these small receipts will be the realisation of the dream of the leading bulls. In the neighbourhood of 7d cotton is considered fairly cheap by those who calmly study the situation; the only thing which restrains the ardour of the bulls here is the state of affairs in Russia and Macedonia.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 10.

Before Hon. the Chief Justice and the Hon. Mr. Justice FATIY.

Appeal for hearing and Final Disposal

1270—Wadia, G and Co—Chuhildas Lulloobhoy vs Dayal Mowjee and other—Kanga and P and Thakur H and Co.

1271—Bhogilal M and M—Lakshmidas Valjee and another vs Gongabai widow and others—Mansukulal J and H Little and Co and C L and Co.

1272—Edgelow G and W—Fakirchand Promchand and other vs Maneckbai widow—Tyabji and Co.

1275—Crawford B and C—The B B and C I Railway Co vs N C Macleod Little and Co.

1278—Postomjee R and K—Noor Mahomed Haji Oomer Dawood vs N C Macleod—Ardeshir H D and Co.

1279—Daphtary and F—Rangildas Bankaneas vs James Herbert Dark rby—Ardeshir H D and Co.

1281—Crawford B and Co—Sir E E and D Sassoon and other vs Takersey Jadowjee and others—Payne and Co

1282—Crawford B and Co—Sir E E A D Sassoon and others—Materam Jadowjee and others—Payne and Co

1283—Mansukhlal J and H—Harjee Jeyraj vs Hassumbhoy Visram and others—Crawford B and Co

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. TRAVERS,

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Admiralty Suit.

314-02—Crawford B and C—The Bombay Flour Mills Co Ld vs The owners of s.s. Arvak—Smitan B and N—Part heard.

Long Causes.

334-03—Tyabji D and Co—Dampier Umersey vs Bai Ambai widow and others—K B Mehta—For Postponement.

168-03—Ardeser H D and Co—Nowroji Jehangir Hormusji vs Pestonji Jehangir Horamji—P H K K and P.

211-02—In re person—Purshtam Narran vs Motibai widow and others.

390-02—Thakurdas and Co—Carimbhoy Ebrahim and others vs Ahmedali Mossabhoy and others—Sorabji and J.

637-01—Captain and V Ameenabbi widow vs Mascobhoi widow.

131-00—Thakurdas and Co—Fazalbhoy Visram and others vs Janbai and others—Little and Co—Teakurdas and Co—Mulji and B.

121-03—Little and Co—Ebrahimbhoy Mahomedbhai vs Hasanbhai Visram and others—Thakurdas and Co.

312-03—Shamrao and M—Billaudrai Dharamdas vs Mamraj Rambhugat Malvi—H and M.

149-03—Captain and V—Devjibolam Jewolaprasad vs Tulsidas Natram M and B Vakil.

95-02—Crawford B and Co Haji Hafild Haji Jaffer vs Gangi Nurpat Bicknell M and M.

621-02—Mansukhlal J and H—Gordhundas Radhakison vs Vithaldas Ramdas M B Chothia Ardeser H D and Co—Tyabji D and Co

201-03—M B Chothia Bai Jethibai widow vs Madon Dowsay and others—Chitnis and M.

118-03—Shamrao and M—Shanker Bhugvan vs Dhoila abas Dharamlatt Mancharam Edgelow G and W.

486-01—Smethan B and N—Kessowji Issur vs The Great Indian Peninsula Railway Co—Little and Co.

151-03—Payne and Co—Kika Khoosbal and another vs Rustomji Ardeser Cooper Mulla and M.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

531-03—Little and Co—Chatoorbhoj Morarji vs Thomas Jewell Bennett and others—Smetham B and N—Part heard.

411-02—Craigie Lyall O—The Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co vs S B F Fazer and Co and others—Payne and Co and S B and N—Part heard.

Before the Hon Mr. Justice CROWE.

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.

Long Causes.

241-03—Edgelow G and W—Mahomed Ali Khan bin Hajee Mahomed Wabeekhan vs Mirza Mahomed Hajee Abdool Shirazi—Craigie L and O.—Part heard

2168-03—Jamsetjee and R—Vishwanath Moreshwar Anja and others vs Miya Saheb Abdulalli Miya Saheb Sarafali—Smetham B and N—Part heard.

17-03—Edgelow G and W—Sooderdas Cursondas Valuadas vs Manockvahu widow and others—Mansukhlal J and H

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY, THE 10TH MARCH.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased to rapidly in Sind, the Punjab, Rajputana and at a few places in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies. The barometer is now about normal everywhere.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh to light.

Temperature.—Both maximum and minimum is much below normal almost everywhere. The maximum varied from 100° at Bellary to 69° at Sirsa and the minimum from 77° at Cochin to 48° at Jaipur.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is partially cloudy at Lahore and Ajmere and Jask.

Rain.—*Nil*.

Weather is generally fine unusually cool.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

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EUROPE.

BIRTH.

EDIE—March 4, at Edinburgh, the wife of D C H Edie, Jhansi, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

MULVANY—March 5, at Calcutta the wife of Captain J Mulvany, IMS., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

PEPPE—POPE—March 9, at St. John's Church, Calcutta, by the Rev N W H Stuart Arthur, Tosse, 3rd son of T F Peppe of Ranchi to Marion elder daughter of C N Pope, Rangpur, E B S Railway.

SMITH—REID—March 4, at St Andrews Church, Calcutta by the Rev D Abiel Kirkwood, BD, Robert Smith, Rydak Tea Estate, Duars, to Flora, daughter of John Reid, Edinburgh.

DEATH.

DWORKOWICZ—March 6, at Madras General Hospital Mrs Maria Dworkowicz wife of Rev R Dworkowicz Leipzig Evan Lutheran Mission, Chidambaram, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rothermel, Karlsruhe, Germany, aged 25 years.

BOMBAY:

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 12m. Sun sets, 6h. 9m., High water, 6-42m., 8-34a. Low water, 1-26m., 1-0a.

DHUNJEEBHOY EDALJEE ALLBLESS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the month of February was 478, of which there 91 males, 175 females, and 211 children.

FIRE AT DHARAVI.—A number of jowlee huts, belonging to Dhondoo Bhikaji, Haji Ismail Goolmahomed and others and situated at Dharavi, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday. The damage was estimated at Rs. 300.

FIRE IN A MILL.—About half part 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the mixing room of the Jam Mill at Parel, and as result cotton to the value of about five thousand rupees was damaged by fire and water. The Chinchpoogly fire engine under Mr. Scott, promptly repaired to the scene, but was not brought into requisition The fire was put out by the operatives with the Mill fire-extinguishing appliances. The origin of the outbreak is due to spontaneous combustion.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.—By kind permission of Captain A. H. D. Creagh and the Officers the Band of the 121st Pioneers will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster commencing at 5-45 p.m. to-day :—

March	Des Toreros ..... Godard
Overture	Light Cavalry ..... Suppe
Two Slavonic Dances	Nos I and II ..... Dvorak
Intermezzo	Estrella ..... Andre
Selection	The Mountaineers ..... Collier
Valse	Andalusian Dreams ..... Lave.—Friedemann

DROWNED IN A QUARRY HOLE.—At Sewree Road yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of Allabani, a Mahomedan girl, aged six years. The deceased was the daughter of a cart-driver and resided with her parents in Sewree Road. The evidence showed that on Tuesday afternoon she went with her elder sister to Mazagon to see a sick relation. She left Mazagon, but was not seen alive again. Her parents searched for her and reported her disappearance to the police. The next day the police found the body of the deceased floating in a quarry hole near Old Sewree Road. It was stated that the girl was in the habit of going to the quarry hole to wash clothes. A verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned by the jury.

PAYING OFF HIS DEBT.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Sub-Inspector Spiers charged Gunni Sulleman a Mahomedan with assaulting one Shaik Currim by means of a stick. The evidence showed that the complainant kept a pan shop at Grant Road. The accused owed the complainant Rs. 2 for pan leaves supplied to him. This morning the accused was passing along the complainant's shop, when the latter demanded the money. The accused refused to pay. An altercation followed and the accused assaulted the complainant with a stick causing injuries. The accused pleaded that he assaulted the complainant in self-defence. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

BACKBAY BATH COMPANY LIMITED.—The annual general meeting of this company was held yesterday, afternoon at the registered office of the company, Kennedy Sea Face. Mr. J. P. Watson presiding. The report of the directors for the year ending 31st December 1903 states that the assets and liabilities of the Bath showed a slight decrease during the year. The number of bathers last year compared with the previous five years was as follows :—10,952 in the year 1898; 11,881 in 1899 10,913 in 1900 9,440 in 1901, 9,449 in 1902, and 9,213 in 1903. There had been an increase of Rs. 181 in the subscriptions for the year and a decrease of Rs. 374 in the charges account. The balance available for distribution after providing Rs. 510 for depreciation was Rs. 1,881. The report was approved and adopted and a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. was declared. Rs. 200 were transferred to the depreciation account and Rs. 181 were carried to next year's account. Mr. J. P. Watson and Mr. David Gosling were reelected directors. Proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

A BOLD THIEF.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Barnes charged Shahabudin Lalmahomed, a Mahomedan hawker, with the theft of a watch valued at about Rs. 10, belonging to Chotalal Vanmati, a cloth merchant, in Mangaldas Market. It appeared from the evidence that on Wednesday about 11 a. m. the accused went to the complainant's place of residence on the fourth floor of a house in 3rd Bhoiwada and gave a letter to the neice of the complainant who was in the house. The letter was written in English, and so the woman returned it to the accused as she did not know English. The accused then gave her another letter written in Gujarati. As the woman was reading the letter the accused picked up the watch which was lying on a table in the room, and bolted. The woman raised an alarm and before the accused could reach the ground floor he was secured by the tenants in the house. He was then handed over to the police. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted one previous conviction. The magistrate sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

A JUVENILE THIEF.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Hassan charged Balkrishna Hiraji, a Hindu lad aged about fourteen years, with the theft of a piece of gold embroidered velvet cloth valued at Rs. 9, the property of Trimbak Vasudeo, a cap seller in Shaik Memon Street. It appeared from the evidence that on the evening of Wednesday last the accused, accompanied by his elder brother, went to the complainant's shop. The brother asked the complainant to show him some caps. The complainant handed to him about five embroidered pieces of velvet ready to be made into caps for approval. All the while the accused was sitting on a bench at the foot of the shop and close to his brother. The brother disapproved of the pieces and handed them to the complainant in a lot and went away. The complainant counted the pieces and finding one short seized the accused. On seeing this the brother bolted. The piece was recovered from under the dhotar of the accused, who was given into police custody. The accused pleaded not guilty and said his brother had an altercation with the complainant over the bargain of a certain cap, and the latter out of grudge had charged him. The Magistrate convicted him on the evidence and sentenced him to receive twelve stripes.

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BOMBAY CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. James Macdonald presiding.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

In accordance with a notice of motion Sir Bhalchundra Krishna moved. "That under Section 134 (1) of the Municipal Act, Messrs. Sakharam Dhondeo Gupte and Snapurjee Hormusjee Kabrak be appointed Auditors of Municipal Accounts for the official year 1904-05, and that under Section 137 (3) their remuneration be fixed at Rs. 5,000 each per annum."

The Hon. Mr. D. R. Chichgar seconded the proposition which was carried.

ELECTION OF A TRUSTEE.

The President said that the term of office of the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula as a trustee for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, expired on the 31st March next, but as there was no other candidate in the field, he would declare him as duly re-elected.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

The following letter to the Secretary from Dr. Cawasji Hormusjee, resigning his seat on the Corporation was considered :—"I regret to state that through failing health I am compelled to resign my seat on the Municipal Corporation of Bombay, which I have had the honour to hold uninterruptedly since 1872. I request that you will be so good as to submit this resignation to the Corporation at their next meeting.

Sir Bhalchundra Krishna moved that the letter be recorded with an expression of the Corporation's opinion that they regretted that failing health should have compelled Dr. Cowasji to resign his seat. Dr. Cawasji was a member of the Standing Committee for a period of twelve years and was twice a chairman of that body He was also President of the Corporation and as a member of that body since 1872, he rendered valuable services to the Municipality. Sir Bhalchundra said after Dr. Blaney's death Dr. Cawasji was the oldest member of the Corporation

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola seconded the proposition.

Dr. Dinshaw Master in support of the motion said Dr. Cawasji rendered valuable services to the electors of the Bhuleshwar Ward in regard to the sanitation and water supply of that district. It was at the instance of Dr. Cawasji that the budget estimate for a particular year in connection with the Health Department was cut down by a lakh of rupees without in any way marring the efficiency of that department.

The proposition was adopted.

RIGHT OF SKINNING DEAD ANIMALS.

Consideration was given to a letter from the Commissioner, stating that the right of skinning &c., dead animals for one year from 1st April 1904 was first put up to auction on the 22nd ultimo after due notice of the sale in the local papers. As the bids received on that occasion were not satisfactory, a second sale was duly advertised and held on the 24 February. The highest bid

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RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

THE little periodical visits to Port Arthur would be irritating to the reader as well as to the helpless men-o-war's men on the Russian ships, were it not that there is not much else for Japan to attack by sea. The fleet is reported to have called at Vladivostock, but to have been "not at-home-d," a not altogether inappropriate way to treat a first call of the kind. The squadron is reported to have steamed up and down three times, and to have fired no less than two hundred shells—a statement we certainly do not believe. Japanese gunners knew perfectly well they could hope for very little in the way of practical results from a long range bombardment, and they would not therefore submit their ordnance to such a terrible ordeal as the firing of two hundred rounds. If they did, the fighting value of those guns has been considerably impaired. It is all very well to bang off generously when a billet for every bullet is a certainty and likely to count, but not when the chances were ten to one against hitting anything at all but ice. Damage was done to nothing of importance either ashore or afloat, but the marksmanship was sufficiently accurate to suggest the advisability of removing women and children to inland stations and also transferring the schools. At Port Arthur constant potting away at ships and fortifications appears to have had excellent effect. According to Reuter's Tokio correspondent eight out of thirteen Russian warships have been disabled and one fort half-destroyed by the Japanese shells. By way of a change the port has been attacked from the north, the fleet having approached by the north-east attacking Talienwan, which is now practically abandoned, and then Port Arthur, in her weakest spot. Russia is fortifying Niuchang in the hope that it may be able to accomplish there what it has failed to do at Port Arthur ; but there is too much in the way of defensive preparations on the part of Russia to command our admiration. If she sought to drive the Japanese throughout Korea into the sea we could respect her. Instead, she entrenches herself against her little foe in Manchuria and bids him drive her across her own borders. The Tsar evidently believes that Vladivostock has suffered bombardment for he has congratulated the garrison on its baptism of fire, convinced that they will make a rampart of their bodies to protect the stronghold of Russia against the enemy. It is a very pretty sentiment, though doubtless suggested by the declaration of the military commander that it was their duty to die at their posts rather than surrender Port Arthur. They will all have their opportunity. Meantime Japan has delivered another blow and this the most important since the first attack on Port Arthur. Her troops have arrived at Fung-wang-chung and Ta-ku-shan, thus getting in rear of the Russians, who are busily engaged fortifying Antung, and cutting them off. This is precisely what we foretold a week ago. To carry out this movement the Japanese troops have effected a landing in Korea Bay between Antung and Port Arthur, most probably at the mouth of the Ta-yang-ho river and marched thence to Fungwang-chang, a point which is 40 miles in rear of Antung and commands the road approach thereto. To reach the railway they have roughly another 80 miles to march when they will strike the line at Liao-yang. From Ta-ku-shan a good road runs straight to Njuchwang which place they can also attack by land and sea, though the capture of Liao-Yang will give them full command of the Liao-tung Peninsula and threaten the head-quarters of the Russian Commander-in-Chief at Mukden which lies less than 50 miles north. The Russian forces in Antung are already cut off. Those in Port Arthur doubtless very soon will be.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

THE Somaliland expedition has reached the comic opera stage. A message has been sent to the Mullah informing him that the British Government is determined to prosecute operations until he is either captured or killed, and that no surrender will be accepted unless he brings a proper proportion of rifles. The explanation of this message comes in daily driblets. The Mullah is dismissing his spearsmen owing to the scarcity of food. The step does not impair his fighting strength. But it does ours. A number of his starving followers are surrendering. We have to feed them, rifles or no rifles, and in consequence the British Commissariat is seriously embarassed. So—or perhaps not so, but any way—the season's operations are expected to be over by the middle or end of April. The transport is practically worn-out and the Indian troops are beginning to get leg-weary. Everyone else is weary, except the Mullah and his fighting-men who have discovered yet another Mullah—one of the Ogaden tribe—who has raised the standard of revolt and is now concentrating his power before starting operations. The only possible hope of this unfortunate business is that the two Mullahs will fall foul and each exterminate the other. While we are bathing our feet and bandaging our legs, the Mullah has cleared out the foot-sore and weary members of his hordes, and is no doubt chuckling in his sleeve on finding the movement answer his purpose so well. It was a movement worthy of a greater man. To send your enemy a present of all your sick, wounded and worn-out is also a compliment which a truly magnanimous nation must appreciate. We do not suppose they will be sent to Colombo which seems to have become the dumping ground for the prisoners of war of all nations. But some such step will have to be taken. It is not possible to send them to their own villages for the simple reason that in the majority of cases their own villages are no longer in existence.

We do not suppose that Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, in the singulary foolish speech, Reuter summarises, had Somaliland solely in his thoughts when he said "the country was sick of the policy of conquest and adventure," for there has been little enough of either in this particular expedition. An excellent suggestion was made before we entered upon this particularly futile work in Somaliland—that the Government should offer the Mullah, if he would surrender, a pension of twenty thousand a year, which accepted, should be augmented by the present of a motor-car and an asylum in a mountainous country that an exception might present itself to the rule that pension lives are invariably prolonged. It would have seemed magnanimous and it would have been economical, for within a week the only expedition necessary might have been a small ambulance party to search for the mangled remains of the said Mullah at the bottom of a precipitous khud. Somaliland would now have been at peace and the country would have been saved the "insufferable burden of military expenditure" to which the Leader of the Opposition refers. That everyone is tired there can be little doubt. And if the compaign continue much longer our own men will be as mad as the Mullah they are pursuing and sending polite messages to. We commenced operations against him in the year 1901. We did not manage them very well and the officers concerned did not pull so smoothly together as they might have done. Then we had a rest, to resume the following cold weather, the responsible officers becoming even less friendly than before. Then a third venture was undertaken and we seem as far from realising our dream of peace as ever we were before. The Mullah is sufficiently mad to refuse to surrender and to get rid of encumbrances to his rapid movements, but insufficiently mad not to know that it is better to stick to his guns than to his sick and wounded.

THE FIFTH TEST MATCH.

THE poor display given by the M. C. C. team in the fifth Test Match at Melbourne, can only be explained by the Englishmen having had to bat twice on a wicket completely ruined by rain. It will cause great disappointment to Home cricket lovers, who elated at the splendid victory gained in the fourth match at Sydney, which won England the rubber, were not without hope that the fifth and last match would also result in victory. The only time in the match that the wicket was at all in favour of the batsmen was on the first day and the Australians gained a great advantage in winning the toss. The lead they obtained in the first innings, when against their total of 247 England could only reply with the miserable total of 61, practically won them the match, as the wicket at no other period of the game gave the batsmen the same assistance. Trumper alone of the Australian batsmen was seen to any great advantage, and his 88 in the first innings was a fine effort. The Australian bowlers took full advantage of the treacherous wicket. Cotter and Noble in the first innings of the Englishmen, who took six wickets for 40 runs and four for 19 runs respectively, and Trumble who took seven wickets in the second innings for 28 runs and performed the hat trick, met with great success. Trumble's performance in particular must have been very gratifying to the Australians, while Cotter, who was appearing in a test match for the first time, justified his selection. The batting of the Englishmen on the spoiled wicket was very poor and only Foster, who made 18 and 30 top score in both innings, was able to rise to the occasion. The only notable feature in the cricket as far as the Englishmen were concerned was the bowling of Braund in the first innings who captured seven wickets for 81 runs and that of Hirst in the second innings who accounted for five wickets for 48 runs.

MORTALITY IN BOMBAY.

THE plague mortality in Bombay City is steadily approaching the figure of one thousand per week. For the seven days ended on Tuesday, the plague deaths numbered 968, an increase of 136 on the total of the previous week. The total mortality from all causes in the city was 1,574, an advance of 154 over the number of the preceding seven days. The only consolation to be derived from these figures, representing as they do a death rate of 105·47 per thousand per annum, is that they are well below those of the corresponding period of last year. At this time twelve months since, the mortality totalled 1,996, plague being responsible for 1,264 deaths. At present Byculla suffers most severely from plague, the fatal cases of the pest in that district numbering 99, Kamathipura comes next with 73, and Bhuleshwar and Dhobi Talao account for 65 and 60 respectively. Other parts of the city report numerous cases, the only district free from the disease being Upper Colaba. Last week there were 52 deaths from fevers and 246 from phthisis and diseases of the respiratory organs. In other respects the vital statistics present no remarkable features.

CROPS IN THE PRESIDENCY.

DURING the past week rain has fallen in many parts of the Presidency, but it is unfortunately the case that a number of districts report damage to standing crops in consequence. In Gujerat, wheat and cotton have suffered in parts of the Ahmedabad district, Panch Mahals, Kaira, Broach and Surat. From the Konkan there are still reports of injury by locusts in parts of Kolaba and Ratnagiri. In the Deccan these insects still linger in the Poona and Satara districts. Generally, harvesting of rabi crops is in progress throughout the Presidency, though in some few talukas the recent rain has retarded the work. In Nasik and Satara the planting of sugar-cane is progressing and in the latter district land is being prepared for next season. Prices of food grains are generally stationary except in two talukas of Nasik, in one of which wheat has risen, and in the other bajri has fallen.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD LAMINGTON has given a donation of Rs. 50 to the Afghan Memorial Church (Colaba) Organ Fund. A similar donation has been received from Major F. J. Tobin, Commandant of Colaba Depot.

THE Bank of Bombay yesterday reduced its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 5 per cent.

LORD KITCHENER will make a long tour in April and May, visiting most of the important stations in India.

A NOTIFICATION by the Resident at Aden is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette" prohibiting the conveyance to Aden or the landing there of any indigent person.

BALANCES held in cash in the Civil Treasuries of the Government of India and at credit of the Government in the Presidency Banks and their Branches on the last day of February, 1902 were Rs. 13,50,10,000 ; 1903 Rs. 16,51,48,000 ; 1904 Rs. 14,81,89,000.

A CASE which has recently arisen in a District in Burma presents some curious features, says the "Rangoon Gazette." A man for reasons of his own gives bona fide information to the Police regarding a big theft. This information proves to be true. The apparent thieves, however, circumvent the informer, and in a Burman Magistrate's Court the informer is convicted and sentenced to serve 18 months in jail. The Sessions Judge, to whom an appeal is at once made, gives a decided opinion that the informer was not the thief, and he is acquitted after serving a certain time in jail. Naturally the informer is aggrieved, but it is difficult to see what redress he is likely to get.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending March 8th was 1574, giving a death-rate of 105·47 per annum per thousand as against 133·75, the corresponding period of last year, and 148·21, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 52 died from fevers; 968, plague; 19, small-pox ; 11, measles ; 1, cholera ; 3, leprosy ; 64, phthisis ; 41, diseases of the nervous system ; 182, affections of the respiratory organs ; 28, diarrhœa ; 16, dysentery ; 45, still-born ; 99, old age and debility ; 7, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 68 ; Brahmin, 59 ; Lingaet, 8 ; Bhattia, 11 ; Hindu of other caste, 845 ; Hindu low-caste, 150 ; Mussalman, 338 ; Parsee, 36 ; Jew, 7 ; Native Christian, 43 ; Eurasian, 4 ; European, 4 and Negro-African, 1. The total number of births was 257 as against 225 the corresponding period of last year, and 206 the average over the past five years.

THE authorities of the University of Oxford have intimated to Pandit Shyamaji Krishnavarma, M. A., that they accept unanimously and with gratitude his generous offer to endow a Lectureship in memory of Herbert Spencer. Details of the scheme are now being worked out, and a Board of Management, which will include the founder, is to be appointed. The proposed Lectureship has been enthusiastically received in Oxford, and is regarded as a most valuable and useful means of making known the works of the philosopher. A desire has been expressed that Mr. John Morley should be asked to give the inaugural lecture. Mr. Morley had promised Mr. Herbert Spencer during the latter's lifetime that he would, if possible, pronounce the funeral oration. Mr Morley's absence from England at the time of Mr. Spencer's death prevented the fulfilment of the promise It is, therefore, considered that it would be most desirable and appropriate if he would consent to give the first lecture. No step, however, has yet been taken in the matter.

MOUNT VESUVIUS did not, as many of us think, begin its benevolent work as the curator of Roman antiquities only in A. D. 79. Recent excavations in the valley of the Sarno near San Marzano have brought to light various relics covered by a volcanic deposit about six feet deep, which points to a great eruption of Vesuvius having taken place in the seventh century B.C. These relics included a Greek burial-place, archaic Italian tombs, and a varied selection of bronzes and terra-cottas.

DR. WINNINGTON INGRAM, the Bishop of London, told a good story when speaking at Hampstead the other evening, bearing on the much-discussed fact that the inhabitants of great cities generally do not know even the names of their next-door neighbours. In recalling his experiences at Bethnal Green Dr. Ingram related that he once introduced two men who had been next-door neighbours for forty years or so. "Surely Mr. Brown, you knew Mr. Smith before?" he said. "Well," replied Mr. Brown, "I do believe I seen the gentleman afore."

THE medical students of the Paris Latin Quarter who are much incensed against some recent regulations introduced by M. Chaumie, Minister of Public Instruction, broke into open revolt on February 17th at the School of Medicine. They proceeded, to the number of 200, to the Place Cluny and there made a bonfire of an enormous heap of papers, together with some planks they had taken from the school. The police had to take stern measures to repress the agitation, but the students afterwards proceeded through the streets crying "A bas Chaumie."

IF any one wanted to know yesterday, says a Shanghai paper of the 9th ultimo, on which side in the present war between Japan and Russia the Chinese as a people are, he had only to visit the streets of the settlements and the teashops. On every countenance there was jubilation and gladness at the news published by the local newspapers that the Japanese had succeeded in destroying five Russian warships at the first go, and on all sides were sincere wishes for Japan's continued success and that China should hesitate no longer in joining in and fighting the Russians.

THE MAN WHO MADE WAR.

BEZOBRAZOFF AND THE SECRET OF HIS INFLUENCE.

When the history of the Russo-Japanese war comes to be written, it will be found to have been the work of one man—M. Bezobrazoff.

The rise of this royal favourite is of a mediæval character. He began life as an insignificant member of the corps of Imperial pages, then became an officer in the regiment of guards, and, being a man of energy, but penniless, went forth to the Far East to make his fortune.

He soon became possessed of immensely valuable trading concessions, and had the good fortune, through the influence of the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, to be appointed manager of various mines, the private property of the Czar and the Dowager-Empress. Through his able administration immense sums were remitted to the imperial proprietors. This proved a golden pathway to royal favour. A man capable of so increasing the revenues of private mines was considered worthy to undertake the management of State affairs.

M. Bezobrazoff was appointed Secretary of State for the Far East. From that moment, says a writer in the "Daily Express," he exerted unbounded influence over his royal master, so far as those regions were concerned.

He criticised the defective management of the Manchurian railway and he attacked the Siberian development policy of M Witte as being over-cautious and imprudently economical. His intimate knowledge at first hand lent immense weight to his arguments, and M. Witte had to retire.

PARTNERS IN CONCESSIONS.

It was through his influence that Admiral Alexeieff was appointed Viceroy of the Far East, and it is known that the two men are partners in mines, forests, and other trading concessions of immense value in Manchuria and Northern Korea. Had it only been possible to close these areas to the trade of the rest of the world, the little clique at the head of which stands M. Bezobrazoff would have amassed vast wealth, which would even have thrown into the shade the riches of John Rockefeller.

The war has been engineered for the sake of the private interests of M. Bezobrazoff and his friends. The official advisers of the Czar who were on the side of peace have been quietly shelved. The Czar himself a devotee of peace, has been deluded into the policy which has had this disastrous ending.

M. Bezobrazoff is a shrewd business man, daring and audacious. He has been sending despatches to the Far East, signed in his own name, and without any reference to the Czar or any other Ministers.

Count Lamsdorff is the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and has the right to be personally consulted on questions of great moment. But he has had to wait for days before he could obtain an audience with the Czar, although at the very time M. Bezobrazoff was entering the Imperial presence announced every day.

ROYAL ASSOCIATES.

Associated with this able man of fortune have been the Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovitch, the Grand Duke Alexis, and the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, the brother-in-law of the Czar. Before their eyes M. Bezobrazoff has dangled the prize of great wealth. He has bent these Princes to his will by huge bribes, suggested rather than promised, and so cleverly has he played his cards that peace has been destroyed. But with the contemptuous arrogance very characteristic of the Russian bureaucrat, he despised the Mongolian. Never for an instandid it occur to M. Bezobrazoff that Russia could fall before Japan.

It is worthy of note that the evil influence of this favourite over his imperial master has been sternly resented in foreign circles in St. Petersburg. The most exclusive club in that capital is known as the English Club. Its members be long solely to the diplomatic corps and to the highest official circles.

Twice the name of M. Bezobrazoff has been put up for election, and each time he has been black-balled, notwithstanding the fact that the Czar was known to desire his election, and that on the second occasion M. de Plehve, Minister of the Interior, personally interested himself in the election of M. Bezobrazoff. The first time two black-balls were cast against him, but the second time four.

The incident created the greatest sensation in the highest society of St. Petersburg ; it was almost an unheard-of thing, but it proved how strong was the feeling against this unscrupulous Minister.

M. Bezobrazoff has a large interest in the timber concession on the Yalu. The history of this concession is instructive. We are indebted for the facts to Mr. Angus Hamilton's "Korea."

STORY OF A CONCESSION.

In the autumn of 1896 a Russian merchant in Vladivostok, M. Brunner by name, obtained from the Korean Government the right of felling timber on the banks of the Yalu. The concession was to be forfeited unless work was begun in five years. As the close of the period drew near the Russian Agent in Seoul applied for an extension of three years.

An agreement was then drawn up whereby the district of Yongampho, at the mouth of the Yalu River, was undertook to pay land tax to the Korean Government.

This territory became Russian in so far that all Russian offenders could only be dealt with by Russian civil officers. The agreement was only signed last July.

Last May Russian troops had been concentrated at An-tung, on the opposite and Manchurian bank of the Yalu. Forty of these soldiers six weeks before the agreement was signed crossed the river, halting on island mid-stream to discard their uniforms so that they might enter Yangampho in private clothes.

From Yongampho they moved to Yongchyong, further in Korea, where they founded a timber settlement. A few weeks later they were reinforced by a further 100 soldiers, notwithstanding the objection of the Korean Government.

A further body of seventy soldiers crossed the Yalu higher up and established a nominal timber camp. A telegraph line was next constructed between these camps.

Under the plea that the settlement of the Russian timber company at Yongampho required protection, 300 soldiers were openly moved there within a few weeks of the signing of the agreement.

Japan realised that if this aggression was not definitely stopped, sooner or later Russian occupation of Korea would inevitably take place under the guise of protecting commercial interests.

The only mistake which M. Bezobrazoff made—but it was a most fatal one—was to underestimate the Japanese character and the Japanese fighting strength.

The Czar will have to pay the penalty for his favourite's fault. But of this he cannot complain. History from the days of Rehoboam, is filled with such examples, his Majesty has refused to profit by these lessons. He has neglected the prudent counsels of his Ministers, he has trusted himself entirely to the advice of a man who owes his position to his appeal to human cupidity.

It is a very pitiful story ; it seems out of place in the history of a civilised Power in this twentieth century.

ON the 10th of February the Czar visited the School of Naval Cadets and promoted all the pupils to officer's rank addressing them as follows :—You know that war broke out the day before yesterday, and that in the midst of the darkness of night a perfidious enemy attacked our fleet without having received any provocation on our part. At the present moment, Russia has need of her Navy as well as of her Army, and I have come to-day to see you and to announce that you are all promoted to the grade of officers. In making this promotion three-and-a-half months before the date when it would ordinarily have taken place, I am convinced that you will do all that is in your power to increase your knowledge and to serve your country as, in the two generations before you, Admirals Tchitchagoff, Lissarew, Nachimoff, Karinloff and Istorin have done. You will work for the greater good and the greater glory of our beloved country. I am convinced that you will devote all your efforts to this Navy, over which floats the banner of the Cross of St. Andrew.

JAPS' CLEVER MOVE.

IN REAR OF THE RUSSIANS.

PORT ARTHUR AGAIN ATTACKED.

THE TSAR'S MESSAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MARCH 10.

The State Department at Washington is informed from Chifu that the Japanese troops have farrived at Fungwangchung and Takushan, thus getting in the rear of the Russians who are in Korea, and threatening the railway communication.

The Tsar has sent a telegram congratulating the garrison at Vladivostock on their baptism of fire.

His Majesty says he is convinced that all will make a rampart of their bodies to protect Russia's stronghold against the enemy.

LONDON, MARCH 9.

Reuter wires from Yingkow that the Russians detrained two five-inch siege guns and two six-pounder howitzers at the Niuchwang station to-day.

All the neutral warships are leaving and the British Consul is urging women and children and Britishers to leave.

Reuter (Tokio) says that eight out of thirteen Russian warships, inside Port Arthur are disabled and one Fort half-destroyed by the Japanese shells. The Russian combatants number 2,000.

A telegram from Tokio states that last night the Japanese warships bombarded the forts at Talienwan and then attacked Port Arthur.

Mr. S. Hayashi, Consul for Japan in Bombay, has received the following telegram :—

Official report of Admiral Kamimura:—On the 6th instant, we approached the fort on the north eastern point of Vladivostock and from 2 p. m. for about forty minutes a demonstrative bombardment was made into the port and we then retired. We saw soldiers at the fort but they did not reply to our fire. In the morning of the following day we scouted American Bay and Sireroku Bay but saw nothing particular. At noon we again returned to Vladivostock and approached its eastern entrance but did not find Russian Warships. We then turned to Posiet Bay where we neither saw enemy.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 10.

An "Englishman" special cable states that the rumour that the Japanese have attacked the Russian squadron is unconfirmed.

POLAND'S REVOLUTIONARY HOPES.

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 10.

A special cable from the "Pioneer's" correspondent dated London the 9th March says that the "Times," Russian correspondents state that the Russian reverses in the Far East have inspired the Poles with hope, and the Government has been obliged to increase the police.

RUSSIAN TROOPS STARVING.

FOOD FAMINE ON THE SIBERIAN LINE.

The "Express" special correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphed on February 17th :—The complete demoralisation of the Siberian railway service beyond Lake Baikal is confirmed by official reports. Heavy mortality among men and horses is admitted by the Government.

None of the main facts are suppressed, because the situation is so serious that the Government looks largely to philanthropic Russians to supply the means of relief.

At all stations and depots the stocks are either exhausted or are perilously low. Urgent telegrams are reaching the capital every day imploring assistance. Many of the troops are literally starving.

Even in ordinary times Eastern Siberia from Irkutsk to the Pacific has to depend for the necessaries of life on Russia or on the southern districts. Now no supplies are being sent. Military requirements monopolise the railway.

All food and foodstuffs are three times their normal value in Irkutsk, Chita, Harbin, Khabarovsk and other important centres.

In every town and village the military authorities have seized all the available establishments for the preparation of food. The local inhabitants, adjured to make sacrifices to relieve the hardships of the soldiers, find themselves on the verge of starvation.

At all points where the gradients are heavy, the curves sharp and the cuttings narrow, the breakdown of the railway is complete. In some places snow has drifted over the track to a depth of from ten to fifteen feet.

One fact illustrates the condition of affairs on the line. An ordinary troop train will cover the 6,000 miles between Moscow and Port Arthur in twenty days. Several trains now "struck" half-way have already been three weeks on their journey.

Every city and large town in European Russia has opened subscription lists for the alleviation of the terrible distress. At Moscow alone in six days £750,000 has been collected.

In almost every town in Russia the employees are giving 2 per cent of their salaries towards the fund.

Another fund has been started to provide for the building of new warships.

RIOTS IN SPAIN.

TROOPS AND MOB IN CONFLICT.

LUCKNOW, MARCH 10.

A special cablegram to the "Indian Daily Telegraph" states that prolonged rioting at Valladolid has culminated in a pitched battle between the mob and the troops, in which several people were killed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

Challenge to the Government.

A NARROW MAJORITY.

LONDON, MARCH 10.

In the House of Commons last night a motion brought forward by Mr. Pirie, member for Aberdeen, condemning the continued agitation in favour of preferential protective tariffs and which was encouraged by the language of certain Ministers was rejected by 289 against 213.

Twenty-six Unionists voted with the minority.

Mr. Pirie principally attacked Mr. Austen Chamberlain whom he called upon to choose between Imperial and filial duty.

Mr. Balfour maintained the preciseness of the Government policy which was based on the Sheffield Programme and the latter will be submitted to the Country at the next election.

He hoped that retaliation would be adopted after the next election.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 10.

A special cable from the London correspondent of the "Englishman" states :—

The Chamberlainites have revolted at Mr. Wharton's amendment condemning protection. The existence of the Government was threatened whereupon the amendment was withdrawn.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES.

Debate In Parliament.

TRIBUTE TO LORD ROBERTS.

LOND ON, MARCH 9.

During the discussion in the House of Commons on the Army Estimates, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman declared that the burden of military expenditure had become insufferable and the country was sick of the policy of conquest and adventure.

Mr. Arnold-Forster paid a warm tribute to Lord Roberts, who, he said, had been consulted in reference to the new appointments.

Mr. Balfour repudiated the assertions of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman and declared the whole trend of circumstances in the Far East was to make us a Continental Power contermino us with another Great Military Power. This must be taken into consideration in framing the Army Estimates.

INDIA BILLS.

Tenders for half a million sterling of twelve months' India Bills amounted to £2,439,000. Tenders at £96-14-3, receive about 13 per cent. and above in full.

THE ACTION AGAINST A CLERGYMAN.

EVIDENCE OF THE METROPOLITAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 9.

The suit instituted by Mr. P. H. Pierpont against the Rev. G. Maconochie, came on to-day before the Subordinate Judge of Burdwan, and was postponed to the 19th instant.

The Metropolitan's lengthy evidence taken upon commission is published. In the course of it Bishop Copleston is reported to have said : "I formed an opinion as to the plaintiff's character and that was, though anxious to work and earnest in his work, he had little or no control over his temper, that he showed a spiteful and suspicious temper. I thought very well of his moral character in other respects. Except by reporting that the defendant did not find plaintiff a satisfactory helper and that plaintiff stirred up parties in the parish the defendant did not influence my opinion. It was chiefly formed by my own observations. No, I do not think the plaintiff a fit and proper person to be employed in the service of the Church. Plaintiff was not an accepted candidate during my episcopate—not since I have been Bishop—and I have no reason to think that he ever was. Plaintiff was never examined as an accepted candidate to my knowledge. He never had a title or sphere of clerical work which was approved by me. Certainly in my judgment a clergyman is justified under such circumstances in refusing to communicate a person whom he thinks has come to partake of the bread and wine unworthily. This can be only when his opinion is founded upon facts of which he has certain knowledge.

GREAT FIRE AT PENANG.

STREETS DESTROYED.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

LUCKNOW, MARCH 10

A special cablegram to the "Indian Daily Telegraph" states that a disastrous fire has been raging at Penang, and had destroyed the principle streets. The damage is estimated at at a million dollars.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bond, 3rd Queen's Own Sappers, has been selected to officiate as Assistant Quartermaster-General in the Punjab when Colonel Masters proceeds on leave. Lieutenant Giffard, 1st Northamptons, is posted to the Madras Command for admission to the Indian Army.

H. E. the Right Hon. Lord Lamington G.C.M.G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, is appointed, Honorary Colonel of the 1st Batt., G. I. P. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Captain W. B. Chambers is transferred from the 1st Batt. Calcutta Volunteer Rifles to the Bombay Volunteer Rifles.

STARTING PRICES ON THE LINCOLN AND GRAND NATIONAL.

SPECIAL LIMIT. Write for Probable Runners —CHARLES HARDING, 28, Esplanade Road Bombay.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

LORD LAMINGTON AT SURAT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

SURAT, MARCH 10.

H. E. Lord and Lady Lamington reached Surat this morning, their arrival being private. They were met at the station by the Collector and a number of local dignitaries. They were driven to various places of interest in the city including cemeteries, the English factory, Mahajan Home and the Civil Hospital.

In the afternoon a Durbar was held in the Municipal Hall at which his Excellency was presented with an address by the members of the Municipal Corporation. They pointed out that great financial strain was placed upon the city by recent plague expenditure and the loss of revenue which would be brought about by the new orders of the Government of India in respect of octroi charges.

The Governor in reply pointed out that the octroi rule as regards ghee would necessitate no change in the present charges and a reduction of revenue in respect of sugar would only mean a loss to the Municipality of fifteen thousand Rupees. This he thought they might make up by additional traffic in the commodity owing to reduced price. At any rate their recommendations would receive the earnest consideration of the Government.

During the day his Excellency received visits from a number of local functionaries and returned some of them.

Lord Lamington proceeds to Ahmedabad to-night by a special train.

ELECTRIC TRAM ACCIDENTS.

DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION IN CARS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 10.

The adjourned Coroner's inquest upon the death of Mr. W. H. MacDonald who was run over by the tram here last month was held to-day. Colonel Ranking, Mr. F. W. Watts and others being examined, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, adding a rider to the effect that changes should be made in the construction of the electric cars to reduce the danger of similar mishaps.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

Plague last week increased slightly in the United Provinces, the Punjab and Bengal, death totals remaining much as before elsewhere. In all there were 28,919 plague deaths during the seven days, compared with 27,858 in the preceding week.

BANK OF BENGAL.

The Directors of the Bank of Bengal to-day reduced the rate of interest to six per cent.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

The "Statesman" reports the arrest here of a Eurasian named Noonbray against whom a warrant had been issued in Bombay for committing theft of Rs. 300 and also gold ornaments at Poona. The accused has been sent to Poona under police escort.

A HOTEL MANAGER IN TROUBLE.

WARRICK PEILE'S CHEQUE BOOK.

POONA, MARCH 10,

On a warrant issued by the City Magistrate, J. H Maybury at one time acting as manager of the Napier Hotel was arrested yesterday in Calcutta on charges of cheating and forgery by means of false cheques. It is stated that on the 27th ultimo two Mahomedan servants of the Hotel presented a crossed cheque of the Mercantile Bank for Rs. 400, at the counter of the Deccan Bank at Bhowanipeth to be cashed. The cheque was drawn in favour of Mr. Brown by Mr. J. Smith. The Deccan Bank officials after deducting the usual discount paid the cheque when in due course it was presented to the Mercantile Bank in Bombay through the National Bank. The former Bank dishonoured the cheque as the person drawing it had no account with it, thereupon the cheque was returned unpaid to the Deccan Bank. A blank cheque form which helped to the perpetration of the forgery, is supposed was lost by Mr. Warwick Peile during his residence at the hotel. Maybury who was living in the hotel at the time disappeared the same evening that the cheque was cashed. As soon as the fraud was discovered information was given to the police who at once took steps to telegraph particulars and description of Maybury to different centres. He will be detained in Calcutta till the receipt of the warrant which has been sent from Poona. He will then be brought down here to stand his trial.

HEAVY RAIN IN THE PUNJAB.

RAILWAY BREACHED AND DAMAGED.

LAHORE, MARCH 9.

During the past week, there has been exceptionally heavy rain in the Punjab, the North-Western Railway was breached or damaged in several places Heavy floods have occurred in the vicinity of Peshawar, and the Calcutta mail was detained on Monday near Pubbi.

PIUS X. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In response to the popular cry for Catholic Schools in the diocese of Damaun his Grace the Most Revd. Dom S. J. Pereira has seen his way to launching a scheme under the designation of "Pius X. Educational Fund" for establishing schools in the diocese. I would beg permission to draw the attention of His Grace to the want of a Diocesan Orphanage which has been long sorely felt as it is extremely desirable that there should be such an institution for the destitute and helpless orphans of the diocese. The importance of having an asylum for orphans can be better realised if I only mention of a recent sad case which occurred in the village of Chuim in the Parish of St. Andrew's, Bandora. Bereft of both their parents three Chuim orphans were left unprovided for and thrown on the mercy of the world. In these circumstances they found their way to a protestant orphanage in Bombay where they are being taken care of.—Yours, &c.,

DOMINICUS.

Bandora, March 10.

THE retirement is notified of Mr. J. P. Rose, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, from the 11th instant and of Mr. F. K. Cunliffe Storekeeper. A. W. Dady is posted to Burma, Provincial Public Works as Assistant Engineer.

THE case against Miss Oliver, who was till recently in the employ of Lieutenant-Colonel McSwiney, D. S. O., was heard before Major Ivers, the Secunderabad Cantonment Magistrate, this week. Miss Oliver was arrested in Bangalore at the Convent of the Good Shepherd on a charge of forging a document which has now been proved to be a false certificate which she used for the purpose of obtaining employment at Bangalore as a nurse The Magistrate found her guilty and sentenced her to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. C. A. Kincaid, I. C. S., on return to duty is appointed to be Judicial Assistant to the Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar.

Mr. W. D. Sheppard, I. C. S., on return to duty, is appointed to be Political Agent, Bhor.

The tenure by Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, B.A., of his present appointment of Oriental Translator to Government is extended up to the 31st March 1905.

The services of Mr. K. A. Reinold, acting District Superintendent of Police, Hyderabad, are placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

Mr. F. M. Gadney, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sukkur, acts as District Superintendent of Police, Hyderabad, vice Mr. K. A. Reinold.

Mr. G. H. White, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Khandesh, acts as District Superintendent of Police, Panch Mahals, vice Mr. J. W. Fellowes proceeding on leave.

Mr. G. D. French, I.C.S., on return to duty, is appointed to be Assistant Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara.

Mr. H. G. Gell, Commissioner of Police, Bombay, is granted, with effect from the 28th May, 1904, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it, such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date, in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to six months.

Mr. F. C. O. Beaman, I. C. S., on return to duty is appointed Judge and Sessions Judge, Karachi, vice Mr I. M. H. W. Hayward, LL.B. (Cantab.), I. C. S., proceeding on leave.

Mr. E. Clements, I. C. S., on relief, acts as Judge and Sessions Judge, Sukkur-Larkhana, vice Mr. F. X. DeSouza, M.A., LL.M. (Cantab.), Barrister-at-Law, I. C. S., proceeding on leave.

Captain W. C. S. Prince, Indian Army, Cantonment Magistrate, Belgaum, has been granted privilege leave for three months with leave out of India for one year in continuation, with effect from the date on which he availed himself of it.

Mr. J. H. E. Tupper, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

On return to duty, Mr. Tupper is appointed Assistant Collector, Ahmedabad.

Mr. E. R. Critchell acts as Deputy Collector and Assistant Collector of Customs and Salt Revenue in Sind vice Mr. P. Phillipowsky and during the absence of Mr. C. F. D'Abreo on leave or pending further orders.

Lieut. Colonel J. Crimmin I. C., C. I. E., I.M.S., has been granted privilege leave of absence for three months, in combination with furlough for four months, with effect from the 19th April.

NEW JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

THE list of gentlemen appointed under the provisions of Section 23 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, to be Justices of the Peace within the limits of the town of Bombay is published for general information in to-day's "Government Gazette," in supersession of all previous orders. The following are the names of the new Justices of the Peace :—

Ahmed Rahimtula Sayani	Maidment, John Samuel
Barry, Lieut-Colonel J P	Martin, J R
Binning, D B	McConaghy, Surgeon General W
Branson, J C E	McDermott, J
Chamberlain, F W	Mehrvanji Pestonji Khareghat, Lieut-Colonel
Corbett, P J	Mennear, R R
Dhunjibhai Bomonjee	Meyer, Major C H L
Petit Dinshaw Dunjibhoy Davar	Nagardas Narotamdas, Nanavati
DuBoulay, J H	Narotumdas Motarji Goculdas
Dunn G O W	Nuruddin Ibrahim
Dwarkadas Dharamsey	Nuruddin,
Ecke, F W	Ogden, W
Fardunjee, Kavasjee Tarapurwalla	Percival, P E
Fazalbhai Curimbhai Ebrahim	Potts, Captain J
Fazalbhai Meherally Chinoy	Powell, S A
Gray, H	Purbhudas Jivandas
Hall, Joseph	Purshotam Balkrishna Joshi
Harter, R W	Raoji Bhavanrao Pavji
Hussain, Badrudin Tyabjee	Scovell, C T R
Jenkins, J L	Sladen, J
Joomabhai Janmahomed	Street, Major Ashton
Kavasjee Eduljee Dadachanjee	Symington, J H
Keatinge, G F	Teherali Muhamed Ali Kajiji
Lamb, R A	Waite, W E
Lord, J A	Whymper, F
	Young, C P R

NAMES OMITTED.

The names of the following Justices have been omitted from the list :—

Baker, Lieut-Colonel	Hutchinson, F T
Benn, Piercy	Jusab Kasim Haji Metha.
Chitty, C W	Lyons, Lieut.-Colonel R. W. S.
Crummy, J	Macpherson, J.
Dick, the Hon. Mr J M	Mead, P. J.
Fakirchand Premchand	Morison, W. T.
Fazalbhai Visram, C I E	Muir-Mackenzie, J. W. P.
Gulam, Husain Allana	Pollen, J.
Gopal Moreshwar Sathe	Rentail, H. D.
Hajibhai Visram	Tate, J.
Hashambhai Visram	Thomson, Adam
Hildebrand, Major A	Wilkin, E.
Hooper, Commander C W R	Wilkinson, W. H. J.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW CORPORATION.

GOVERNMENT NOMINEES.

The following sixteen gentlemen have been appointed by Government] as members of the new Corporation :—

Lieut Col H P Dimmock	Sir Hurkisondas Narotumdas
Mr H G Gell	Mr Mulji B Barbhaya
Mr Alexander Mackenzie	Mr Dwarkadas Dharamsey
Mr G Lund	Sir Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy, Bart
Mr R R Mennear	Mr Ardeshir Framji, Unvalla
The Hon Mr S Rebsch	Khan Bahadur Abdul Razak bin Kurtas
Mr J H Symington	
Mr Muirhead	
Mr T W Cuffe	
Mr Sassoon J David	

ADMIRAL CLOSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your issue of Wednesday you quote the opinion of Admiral Close, who has declared that Portsmouth Harbour is as defective as Port Arthur. Admiral Close is the officer who said in London the other day that two German gunboats could force the passage of the Thames and shell the Houses of Parliament. It may interest you to know that, fine old sailor though he is, he may be styled the champion alarmist of England. I remember hearing him say nine years ago that he was so convinced that England was about to be invaded that he had taken rooms for his feminine relations in a farmhouse in an inland County. If he has paid for the rooms ever since, his convictions must have cost him a pretty penny. Yours, &c,

PETER PLYMLEY.

NOTES FROM KATHIAWAR.

OUR Kathiawar correspondent writing on Sunday says :—H. H. Maharaja Sir Khangarji Rao Saheb of Kutch, stayed in Morvi en route to Rajkote, where he has proceeded with Colonel Abud, Political Agent, Cutch, and Mrs. Abud. In Morvi they were the guests of H. H. Sir Waghji and were hospitably received in H. H's absence by his Hazur Personal Assistant, Mr. Morarjee M. Pandya. The party stayed in Morvi on the 4th instant and left for Rajkote the next morning. At Rajkote His Highness the Rao Saheb was splendidly received. A large "shamiana" was erected where the native officials of the Agency and the Rajkote gentry were gathered, the Agency being represented by Major Wodehouse, Political Agent, Halar, and Mr. Beale, Personal Assistant to the Agent to H. E. the Governor both of whom attended H. H. to the bungalow of Khan Bahadur Pestonji who made excellent arrangements for his Highness' comfort. His Highness was accompanied by Mr. Chhobalal Sewakram.

Rain fell in Kathiawar for a couple of days this week. The weather yet continues to be cloudy. The cultivators do not complain of any serious damage being caused by the rain. The State of Nawanagar was en fete owing to the marriage of Kumar Shree Marubha of Sacia, the Vazir of H. H. the Jam Saheb.

MEDICAL AID FOR WOMEN.

COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.

THE annual general meeting of the Bombay Branch of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India was held on Tuesday last at the Secretariat. Her Excellency Lady Lamington presided, and was accompanied by Lady Gertrude Molyneux and Major T. Yarr, R.A.M.C. Amongst those present were the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar., the Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe, the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodhar, Mrs. Pechey Phipson, M.D, M.E.N.M. Wadia, C.I.E., Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Bart., the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, the Hon. Mr. E. Giles, C.I.E., the Hon. Mr. E. L. Cappel, C.I.E., Mr. Jehangir Dossabhoy Framjee, Mrs. S. D. Sassoon, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mrs. Crowe, Mr. Veerchund Dapchund, Mr. Ram Narayen Amarchand, Mr. N. N. Wadia, the Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta, C.I.E, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, the Hon. Mr. S. M. Moses. Miss Meakin, M.D., and Dr. Temulji B. Nariman.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. S. Millard, presented the report for 1903, which shows that since the Training School at the Cama and Allbless Hospitals was started 16 years ago, 149 nurses have passed out of the institution and have received certificates of efficiency in nursing and midwifery. Nineteen pupils are still being trained, but owing to lack of funds in previous years and the want of living accommodation for the pupils, the Committee have not been able to accept as many new pupils as they would like to have done.

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy moved that the report be adopted, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston seconded this.

Dr. Temulji B. Nariman, the Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts, which had been duly audited, and explained the present financial position of the Branch.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar proposed that the accounts be passed, and this was seconded by Mr. Jehangir Dossabhoy Framjee.

Her Excellency Lady Lamington said :—I have accepted the post of Lady President of the Association with much pleasure, and have read with interest the history of the Fund from its commencement. The objects of the Association are objects with which I have the greatest sympathy : everyone must wish to try and alleviate the sufferings of women and children which in this country are apparently even greater than in other parts of the world. Thanks to Lady Northcote's untiring efforts whilst here, the financial position of the Bombay Branch of the Fund is now in an excellent condition, as will be seen from the statement of accounts which the Honorary Treasurer has just read, and which are printed in the annual report before us. We have some Rs. 55,600 invested and in hand, in addition to the two lakhs which have been handed over to the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the particular purpose of maintaining the Training School for Nurses at present situated at Cama and Allbless Hospitals and for the training and supply of female nurses and midwives for women and children in hospitals and private houses in the city of Bombay and throughout the Presidency. It will be seen from the district reports that a large amount of good work is also being accomplished in other parts of the Presidency, but it is hoped by the Committee that branches of the Fund may be started at Broach, Kaira, Dharwar, Karwar, Kolaba and Ratnagiri, where at present none exist and the Collectors of these districts have already been approached with this object. At Shikarpore and Hyderabad (Sind) it will be noticed what excellent work is being done, thanks to the foresight and liberality of the local Municipalities and District Local Boards. At Thana Mr. Orr has found the trained nurse so much appreciated by the public and so satisfactory, that he is now endeavouring to obtain another one for Kalyan and Bhiwndi. The thanks of the Committee are due to Miss Atkinson for the labour she has devoted in superintending the training of the nurses at the Cama Hospital Training School. As Mr. Millard to whose untiring energy the Fund owes so much is about to proceed to England, Major Yarr, R. A. M. C., has kindly agreed to carry on the work as Honorary Secretary, in future the offices of the Association will be at Government House.

The Hon. Mr. Giles proposed the following resolution :—"That in view of the excellent work which has been done in the past in training nurses at the Cama and Allbless Training School and with a view to increase the usefulness and the number of nurses trained, steps be taken by the Committee to provide further living accommodation for the pupil nurses in the Cama Hospital compound." He said that as mentioned in the report the superintendent of the Training School was of opinion that many more pupils might be obtained and trained if they could accommodate them, the Committee therefore were of opinion that the time had arrived to consider the question of building a further block of rooms for the pupil nurses. They would of course gladly welcome a gift of the amount required if any benevolent person was disposed to give them it, and would willingly bestow the name of the donor on the building.

Mr N. M. Wadia, C. I. E., said he had much pleasure in seconding this resolution, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. C. E. Branson for auditing the accounts, and to Dr. Temulji B. Nariman for his work as Honorary Treasurer.

The proceedings then terminated.

ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED MEDICAL WOMEN OF INDIA.

AT a meeting of the above Association held at the Cama Hospital, Bombay, on Thursday February 11th, Mrs. Pechey Phipson being in the chair, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that the members present (nine in number) should form themselves into a committee to draw up a syllabus for a systematic course of "Elementary Hygiene" especially adapted to meet the various habits and customs of the women of different communities attending the dispensaries. It was also decided to apply to the "Nursing Fund Association" for the salary of two or more nurses specially trained, to instruct the women when collected together and waiting for their turn to see the doctor, and also as far as possible to visit the patients in their own homes, to see that the doctor's instructions were understood and followed. The funds for this purpose have since been granted by the Nursing Fund Association and a nurse well versed in the habits of the various communities and speaking several languages and who has also passed her First Aid and "Nursing" course etc. has been appointed, and will commence her duties in April. Other Nurses will be appointed as soon as accommodation can be arranged for them at the Cama Hospital. Messrs. Park Davis and Co., have written that they will be glad to assist the Association in the investigation of native plants and drugs, and it is hoped ere long to have a small Botanical Garden in the compound of the Cama Hospital where specimens may be grown.

Specimens of native drugs, plants etc. with as full description as possible will be gracefully received by the Secretary of the Association at the Cama Hospital. The Nurses' Lecture Room at the Cama Hospital, by the kind arrangement of the Lady Superintendent, is available as a Reading Room for the use of Medical Women daily from 5 to 7 p. m. The Room has been specially fitted with a new lamp. Several medical books and papers including the "British Medical Journal" are at their service. It is hoped that Editors of Medical papers and books etc. will aid the Association by presenting free copies of Medical works from time to time. The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Cama Hospital on Monday, March 21st at 6 p. m. when it is hoped that as many Medical Women as possible will be present.

HOUSING BOMBAY'S POOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have seen the letter of Mr. Jehangir M. Billimoria who is an architect and who is in favour of lending Trust's money for building chawls. He gives a few figures which according to him yields a return of 5 per cent., thus showing a profit of 1 per cent. on the loans borrowed from the Trust. But where is the guarantee that the trust may be secured against any possible loss? Mr. Vithaldas proposed that half the capital should be found by his capitalists who could not borrow money under 9 per cent. and the other half should be found by the Improvement Trust. No doubt there is security for the Trust against advances. If however the return according to Mr. Billimoria be not more than 5 per cent. there would be an actual loss. Mr. Vithaldas says that his capitalists value their money at 6 per cent only, although they cannot borrow under 9 per cent. This looks on the face of it an absurd statement, but assuming this to be correct I fail to see any profit in the transaction. I am not in favour of looking at this business from a purely commercial basis. Wealthy people must come forward to undertake this job and be content with a moderate return, otherwise nothing will come out of it beyond fruitless discussion. I again repeat that example is better than precept. Mr. Vithaldas has a grand opportunity to prove that he is a man not only of words but of deeds.—Yours &c.

COMMON SENSE.

Bombay, March 10.

NOTES FROM PARIS.

Political Aspects of the War.

THE DECLINE OF MARDI-GRAS.

FRENCH MONO-RAIL SCHEME.

PARIS, FEBRUARY 15.

M. YVES GUYOT, that good friend of England at a time when it was not popular to be so, does not conceal his delight at the success of the Japanese. "They are doing what Europe would have had to do later on," he said in the course of conversation. M. Guyot does not anticipate complications, both the English and French Government having exactly defined their position of neutrality. Being a convinced Free Trader in a protectionist country—a voice crying in the wilderness these many years—it is not unnatural, perhaps, that he should take sides against Mr. Chamberlain. Yves Guyot is best known for his works on economics; perhaps even few Frenchmen realise that it was he, more than any one, who defeated Boulangism. He saw the drift of events, and as a member of the Cabinet of the day, counselled the Government to take action. Certain newspapers announce the despatch of French troops to the Far Eastern colonies in preparation for eventualities. I am, however, assured in a high quarter that no extraordinary military arrangements have been made in view of the Russo-Japanese hostilities. It is said that these troops are merely reliefs to replace those whose period of service abroad has expired. But it would not be surprising if, within the next few weeks, the garrisons in Cochin China were quietly reinforced by the despatch of a few companies of colonial infantry. The French have always professed to believe that the Japanese had some hidden designs on Siam. It is part of the doctrine of the Yellow Peril, that bugbear of the Continental politician. Yet there may be more substantial reasons. In the case of intervention on the part, say of Great Britain, Cochin China would certainly have strategic importance as a base for offence as well as defence.

The attitude of Paris towards the war, now that it has taken shape and substance, has vastly changed. The indifference has vanished. The newsvendors are doing an enormous business, and every cafe has converted itself into a board of strategy where men earnestly con maps, now and again pointing an excited finger at some spot for the information of a neighbour. A great crowd gathers at all hours of the day about the large scale map which the "Matin" exposes outside its offices, and which a few days ago was passed by with a listless "Qu'est ce que c'est que ca?" Amid the cries of the camelots selling the war-news and the comment of the Boulevards, one misses the little red-cheeked and bent old lady, who used to preside over these occasions of excitement with such dignity and pertinent observation. Her name was Mme. Duperron. Her successor at the familiar kiosque near the Grand Hotel has neither her art of conversation nor her power of Boulevard criticism. Mme. Duperron has been dead six weeks, and the papers were full of her biography, for she was quite a personage. But one of her traits has not been touched upon. She had a corner in her heart for the newspaper-writer whose wares she helped to sell. She was peculiarly attached to certain of the English correspondents, and would relate how many years the friendship had lasted. I believe the proudest moment of her life was when an illustrated paper represented her in the midst of her "devoted admirers" (to use the expression of the most distinguished of them) of the British press in Paris. In connection with that little community, it is amusing to note that the "Times" and "Daily Telegraph" are now cheek by jowl in the same building on the Boulevard des Italiens, after being, as it were, these many years at either end of the town. And they arrived within a few days of each other.

A noteworthy article appearing in the "Figaro" declares that Russia was prepared to follow France in avenging Fashoda. An evening paper certifies to the truth of the story, and gives what purports to be the dispatch from Count Muravieff, in which he expressed Russia's willingness to co-operate with the ally. This dispatch, we are assured, was suppressed in the Yellow-book dealing with the affairs of the Bahr el Gazal and the Upper Nile, issued in October, 1898. These "revelations" are sure to be enthusiastically welcomed in certain quarters as a new proof of the value of the alliance, about which a great many plain people are beginning to have their doubts. The "Patrie" does not lose the opportunity to print a "revelation" of its own. When England was entangled in the Boer war, a deputation of Hindoos went to St. Petersburg and suggested to the Russian Government a diversion on the Indian frontier, by the massing of 200,000 troops. The Tsar was inclined to the proposition, and India would, no doubt, have been free at this moment, adds the correspondent pensively, if the British Government had not become acquainted with the plot, and used diplomatic pressure to secure Russian neutrality, which, strange to say, was readily promised! After this, there can be no doubt as to the advantages of the alliance. To be sure, it has proved a little expensive to the investing public, especially now, when Russian securities are giving the Bourse many bad quarters of an hour; but there is always the consolation to the patriot that France would not be where she is in the councils of Europe if it were not that she is respected for the company she keeps. Meanwhile, the people who profess these views in public point with dissatisfaction to their own Government. It has made no protestations of friendship from the Tribune of the Chamber; M. Delcasse preserves a discreet silence, and President Laubot has not so much as sent a telegram to encourage his august ally in his struggle with Japan. All this is very sad for the Chauvinists, who have much leeway to make up if they wish to instal Russia in the position of popular favourite. The truth is the public is largely indifferent to the war. There is a feeling that Russia will ultimately triumph but the most perfervid Nationalist would be considerably astonished if his polemics were taken au serieux, and . Delcasse appeared one day in the Chamber to ask substantial credits for a Far Eastern expedition. The bogie of a Japanese coup in Siam is completely knocked on the head by the sensible statements of M, Paul Doumer, formerly Governor in Cochin China, who sees no likelyhood of any event of the sort. The Annamites, who compose the larger part of the defence forces in that quarter, are loyal to France, and moreover, they are a match for the Japanese. But I suppose the terrestrial globe of party politics will continue to turn about the Russian axis—at least, until the cables bring us something more than surmise and speculation.

For the moment Parliament is in recess. It is no secret that it is a welcome breathing-space to M. Delcasse. He has certainly had some difficulty in keeping the Socialists in order. Their sympathy with Japan, or, rather, their dislike of Russia, is hardly concealed. It is said that M. Jaures will insist on the publication of a Yellow Book resuming the exact position of the alliance between France and Russia. M. Delcasse's successor, is already nominated—in the imagination of M. Jaures' friends; it is M. de Pressense. That talented journalist was the reporter of the Foreign Relations Committee last session. In the debate on that portion of the Budget, he supported M. Hubbard in a proposal for general disarmament. Indeed, he holds to all the Socialist nostrums: "no revenge," and other international amiabilities. However, even if M. Combas loses his Socialist allies on a question of foreign policy, there is his "Majority No. 2," the Republican centre, to fall back upon. The treaty with Siam, came before the Cabinet Council on Friday, but it required two meetings to settle it. Meanwhile, M. Etienne and the Colonial party in the Chamber got wind of the difficulties and insisted that France should resist the pretensions of Siam. The question has now been settled, but it illustrates the nervousness of France on the subject of her Far Eastern possessions. The real point at issue was the giving up of Chantabun, where the French have kept a garrison since 1893 as a guarantee for the execution of their treaty. The Siamese have made fresh territorial sacrifices in order to secure the evacuation of the port. They made it the stip-

qua non of the fulfilment of the other clauses. It was this attitude which roused the opposition of the "Big France" party. France, they said, ought not to give up the port until Siam had deliminated the territories, as earnest of her intention to give affect to the Convention. There was considerable excitement in the Paris press on Saturday morning: one would have thought that French guns would again be heard at Bangkok. One journal went so far as to suggest that Bangkok should be occupied and that France should absorb the Menam Valley, which, we were told, England would not object to. It was said that Siam was another Japan, and that her attitude on the question of Chantabun had been visibly inspired by the Japanese success at Port Arthur. By the terms of the new treaty, however, the Siamese have agreed to give up to French occupation the Port of Kratt, which has superior strategic value, indeed, to that of the relinquished Chantabun.

The Parisians celebrated Mardi-Gras on Tuesday in the time-honoured fashion, with the throwing of confetto and serpentines (though this latter amusement is frowned upon by the police), and other forms of innocent gaiety. The procession of the fat ox, which was one of the principal items in the day, exists no longer, except on a restricted scale. The suburb of Neuilly, the strong hold of traditional fetes, such as the annual fair which gives the Parisian a mile and a half of entertainment (from the Porte Maillot to the Seme) organizes, however, a procession on its own account. It perambulated the treets on Sunday afternoon and excited the usual mount of admiration from the youthful population. Your Parisian is nothing if not topical, and so his majesty the ox was christened "Saharos I." out of obvious deference to the monarch who rules his, as yet unpeopled, empire from the Savoy Hotel, London. The Sunday preceding Shrove Tuesday is always devoted to a little impromptu frolicking on the Boulevards, but on this occasion the weather was inhospitable and the merchants, with their bags of multi-coloured pellets, wore the disconsolate air of people who had entered into an indifferent speculation. The truth is Mardi-Gras is a threatened institution—chronically threatened—like M. Combes' Ministry. For the same reason it exists. Most people who have passed the age of youth regard it as a nuisance. Confetti, at the best of times, stings unpleasantly and ruins one's clothes. When it is full of dust, as it often is in Paris, it becomes intolerable. Nevertheless, the Prefect has to think of the petit monde, whom the day releases from the serfdom of the counter and the workshop, and for them the fete endures, with its accompaniments of paper missiles, strolling musicians in fancy garb, masks, and midnight revelry and rowdyism. Mardi-Gras, indeed, needs the bright sky and balmy breezes of the South rather than the greyness of February in Paris, and gentler ways of disporting oneself than is customary with the lower elements of a great city. Shrove Tuesday is, of course but the prelude to the glories of Mi-Careme. The queen of that joyous cavalcade, which survives in spite of the growing seriousness of the French capital, has already been chosen. She is Mlle. Jeanne Leclinf, a charming blonde of seventeen, who arrives the position of queen for a day by the votes of he Lenior market. In private life she is a milliner and trims the hats of her loyal subjects.

Britishers may no longer boast of their "Flying Scotchman" their Flying (or is it wild?) Irishman, or their lightning trains between London and the West of England. They will be but crawlers in contrast with the "mono-rail" line which is to be laid between Paris and Marseilles, and for which surveys of sorts have been going on for some time on the outskirts of the capital, at the Mediterranean seaport, and some localities between them. What the drowsy four-wheeler is to the scorcher automobile English express train will shortly be to the mono-rail. But one train on the Continent will be able to compete with it, and that is the Berlin-Hamburg, which is not yet finished, and the speed of which is to be a hundred and twenty miles an hour. The Paris-Marseilles train will be faster still. But, according to all the information obtainable passengers will not, at the first, be conveyed by the French mono-rail. I for one would think twice before taking a ticket for an inaugural trip at a hundred and eighty miles an hour. The French mono-rail is to be restricted, at the beginning, at any rate, to parcels and goods traffic. In this it is expected to create an astonishing revolution. In the first place, the whole newspaper world of Paris is deeply interested in it. A Paris newspaper posted early in the morning reaches Marseilles late at night—rather late, one would think, for the reading public. By the mono-rail it can be delivered at about ten o'clock in the morning. What, then, will become of special editions of the southern papers containing telegraphed news from Paris? Will there be any use in bringing them out? What of special editions on the intervening parts of the line, seeing that the mono-rail train can drop its parcels as it flies past? In France, the telegraphic service is often exasperatingly slow and uncertain. Now and again telegraphic messages between Marseilles and Paris dawdle for hours on the way. In which case it might even be a positive gain in time to dispatch the messages by mono-rail. The transport of parcels by the existing system is, of course, still more leisurely and uncertain, and the trade in perishable goods especially suffers accordingly. The mono-rail should enormously develop certain departments of the goods traffic. It is also obvious that the dispatch of legal and business documents by mono-rail would obviate delays caused by the necessity of verifying instructions and signatures communicated by telegraph. So it seems as if the mono-rail were destined to bring about many surprising changes.

KILLED WITH A BURNING BRAND.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT.

MR. E. M. PRATT, Sessions Judge of Khandesh, in January last, convicted Ukharda Utarya of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for seven years. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court on Thursday before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston.

The accused was charged with murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder. His sister had been married recently to one Kuthia Bhil, and the latter had promised to pay the accused two rupees on account of the marriage. On the evening of the 14th November last, Kuthia came home drunk from the bazaar, and a quarrel and fight ensued between him and the accused about the debt. No weapons were used in the fight. The accused, seemed to have got the worst of it. After the fight, the accused, the deceased, and their women folk were sitting round the fire, when the accused suddenly plucked a burning brand from the fire and struck Kuthia over the head with it. Kuthia fell dead. Other Bhils ran up and secured the accused. The corpse was sent to the hospital assistant at Nawapur, who found three wounds on the left side of the head. The skull had been fractured, and death was due to compression of the brain. The eye-witnesses spoke of only one blow, delivered by the accused: and it was possible, Mr. Pratt said, that one blow with the log, which was forked and jagged at one extremity would cause the three external wounds. The accused admitted all the facts, and pleaded guilty that he did not mean to hit the deceased on the head, and did not intend to cause his death. Mr. Pratt thought it probable that the accused did not intend to cause death. The deceased was his brother-in-law, and after the act, the deceased's wife said, he stooped over the body to try to revive the deceased. He was smarting under a sense of his wrongs and yielded to a fit of brutal violence. He was found guilty and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for seven years.

Their lordships on a consideration of all the circumstances, dismissed the appeal.

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COUNSEL AND JUDGE.

ON the Original Side of the High Court before the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Scott moved on an affidavit the depositing of certain books in Court by Mr. S. P. Fraser in a suit pending for hearing in the Court.

Mr. S. P. Fraser's name was called out, and he was asked what he had to say in the matter. Mr. Fraser was going to make a statement, when Mr. Inverarity who was in the Court, stood up, and said: "Wait a bit," and then turning to the Judge, said: My Lord, I must protest against this irrigular procedure.

The Judge inquired of him whether he was instructed in this motion.

Mr. Inverarity said he was not, but he was counsel for Mr. Fraser in the case.

The Judge: Well then Mr. Inverarity, if you are instructed in this matter, we had better proceed with the case at once.

Mr. Inverarity: I have said I am not instructed in the matter, I am instructed in the case.

The Judge; I thought you said you were being instructed, or something of that sort.

Mr. Inverarity: I never said I was being instructed or anything of the sort, and I don't know how my learned friend can proceed with the motion in this manner.

The Hon. Mr. Scott: I will read the affidavit, my Lord. I am afraid I have got no copy of it, and if your Lordship will let me have the affidavit, I will read it.

The Judge: I am reading it myself, Mr. Advocate General.

Mr. Inverarity: We must have a notice.

The Judge: Call Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Inverarity: I must protest against this procedure. I am counsel for Mr. Fraser in the case, and I had no notice of the motion.

Mr. Fraser, on being questioned, said that the books in question, were with his attorneys. They were given to him by Mr. Sunawala.

The Judge: Get them at once.

Mr. Inverarity: I must put him one or two questions.

In reply to Mr. Inverarity, witness said his attorneys were Messrs. Payne & Co.. He had no notice nor had he a copy of the affidavit, nor was he given an opportunity to reply to it, and his Lordship had still asked him for an explanation.

The Judge: But you say, Mr. Inverarity, you are not instructed in the matter.

Mr. Inverarity: But I say I am instructed in the case, and I hold a brief for Mr. Fraser.

The Judge: Then let me take a note of it.

The Hon. Mr. Scott; Will your lordship order Messrs. Payne and Co. to deposit the books in Court and Mr. Sunawala also?

Mr. Inverarity; I ask for a copy of the affidavit, and that an opportunity be given to us to reply to the affidavit, which contains some charges against Mr. Fraser. I must also have inspection.

The Judge: You can always have inspection of any document connected with the case at any time you like, Mr. Inverarity, now the order is being made.

Mr. Inverarity: Now I do not say anything about the order, I have said what I had to say about it. What I now say is we are entitled to put in a reply.

The Judge: (Writing) Order to Mr. Sunawala and to Messrs. Payne and Co. to deposit forthwith the three books in Court. Ordered that a copy of the affidavit be supplied to Mr. Inverarity's client, Mr. Fraser, to enable him to reply thereto.

Before the rising of the Court for the day, the Hon. Mr. Scott reported that the bundle of books, which had been lodged in Court, might be opened, and an inspection given.

Mr. Inverarity again protested, and asked the Judge to make a note of his protest.

The Judge: I am very sorry, Mr. Inverarity, for your client; but I suppose I must carry out my own order.

The Judge, who had risen, asked Mr. Lane his Clerk of the Court, to make a note of what Mr. Inverarity had said.

AFFAIRS IN PERSIA.

The date originally fixed for the arrival in Teheran of the Governors of the Provinces was I believe the first week in February, or for forty days before the Nao-ruz, writes a Persian correspondent of the "Pioneer". Having regard to the fact that punctuality is not a strong point among Persians, I think it was the wish of the Central Government in Teheran that the Majiess should take place shortly before the festival, and that the forty days was merely a margin to allow for unforeseen delays and for Persian dilatoriness.

It is at last decided that his Highness the Zil es-Sultan is to go to Teheran, and he is to be accompanied by two of his sons—one the favourite H. H. Bahram Mirza, and the other H. H. Akber Mirza. Before leaving Isfahan he will await the arrival of another son, Jeliah-ed-Dowlah, who is Governor of Yezd, and they all hope to start upon the 10th of Zul-Hejjeh (27th February). The journey is likely to prove a very expensive one for H. H. the Zil es-Sultan, as the date being so near the festival of Nao-ruz it will be necessary for him to make substantial presents to all the chief Ministers of the Court at present at Teheran. On the last occasion that his Highness was obliged to pay a visit to the capital, I am told that his expenses amounted to Tomans 70,000, or about £13 000. This in itself would seem to be one very good reason for the disinclination of his Highness to leave Isfahan.

The late Governor of Shiraz and author of the "Bushire Incident" is at present on his way from Shiraz accompanied by the Gawan-ul-Molk, and they are shortly expected to arrive in Isfahan.

It is said that Agha Najafy has asked permission from the Government to allow him to proceed to Meshed, but so far his request has not been granted and I am told that he has been ordered to remain quietly in Teheran for the present. Any steps, however, that are taken to keep this gentleman away from Isfahan may be looked upon as satisfactory. It is curious to note, however, how he is still looked up to as a good example of the True Believer and all that is good by the people of Isfahan those very people in fact who have suffered most at his hands. One would have thought such an arch-scoundrel as he has shown himself to be would by this time have been found out even by his admirers.

The Government in Teheran have lately issued an order to the effect that Governors are to insist upon the acceptance by all classes of cracked 2 kran pieces in every-day transactions, and the pieces which are too bad for circulation will be reminded after Nao-ruz.

Were the order properly carried out a great evi would be done away with. Up to the present time this cracked coin has always been refused in business transactions, and notwithstanding the fact that coins are cracked by the Government themselves in minting, the Mint would only reaccept large quantities of the coin at a considerable discount.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards	Plague Attacks	Plague Deaths	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	13	6	7
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umerkhadi and Dongri	21	15	34
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	35	35	54
Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	18	16	30
Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	44	34	57
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	8	5	11
G Mahim and Worli	8	3	11
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	[0
Hospitals	0	17	19
Total	150	131	223
Total plague deaths to date	229,104	220,703	
Same date last year	189	169	271

INOCULATION.

The statement of plague prophylactic issued from the Plague Research Laboratory, Bombay, on the 9th March was as under:—Dr. E. H. Hume American Mission, Bombay, 150 doses; Laboratory officers, P. R. Laboratory, 5 doses; Superintendent Malwa Charitable Dispensaries, Indore, 100 doses; Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda, 101 doses; Superintendent, Central Disinfection Depot, Jullundur, Punjab 1,500 doses.

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THE PROPHET DOWIE.

DISTURBANCES IN SYDNEY.

THE Rev John Alexander Dowie's mission to Sydney was brought to an abrupt close in the local Town Hall on February 17th, says an Australian paper. Something approaching a riot took place, and several persons were taken into custody. Every precaution was taken to guard against the admission of "undesirables" to the meeting and the proceedings had well advanced before any disturbance took place but once a discordant note was struck all became confusion, and, apparently the fear of something serious happening, caused Mr. Dowie to hurriedly end the meeting.

Shortly after 6 o'clock all the entrances to the Town Hall, with the exception of the main entrance, were locked. A large body of police were in attendance no fewer than 30 constables being stationed outside the railing, and even a greater number inside the building. Only those who presented tickets were allowed to enter, and the tickets were subjected to the closest scrutiny. Occasionally a youth possessing a fraudulent card of admission would succeed in passing through the outer gate only to be detected at the hall door, conducted back to the main entrance, and expelled, much to the amusement of thousands of persons assembled in George-street. By half past 7 o'clock so dense was the crowd that tram and vehicular traffic was almost blocked. The method of admission was necessarily tedious, and it sorely tried the temper of those in possession of tickets.

SCRIMMAGES WITH THE POLICE

were frequent, and when the excitement flagged the crowd sang popular choruses.

Mr. Dowie, whose appearance was no doubt, awaited by the crowd, entered the hall by a side entrance unobserved. When the meeting was opened at 8 o'clock the hall was crowded. Mr. Dowie was given a cordial reception, and, for a time, everything pointed to the gathering being in marked contrast to that of last night.

The subject of Mr. Dowie's address was, "Zion City." Gradually a disorderly element began to assert itself. A serious disturbance occurred in the body of the hall, where there was a great crush. Very little attention was paid to the remarks of the General Overseer, the people at that particular part of the building finding amusement among themselves and occasionally breaking into song. The noise gradually grew louder and a man in uniform, who was one of Mr. Dowie's bodyguard, stepped off the platform with Pastor Voliva, the Overseer of the Zionist movement in Australia, and made his way to the seat of the disturbance. The two Zionists forced their way through the crowded audience to the spot where several persons were.

SCREECHING AT THE TOP OF THEIR VOICES.

and addressed them. The disturbers replied with hoots and jeers, and several constables moved up to the spot. Mr. W. N. Willis, M.L.A., was seated near by, and in some way he became involved in the disturbance. Standing up, Mr. Willis said something to Pastor Voliva, who replied. Further words followed and Mr. Willis was seen to walk down the centre of the hall, and was heard, amid a din, to request a constable to arrest Pastor Voliva and another Zionist, named Middleton, on the ground that they had used threatening language to him. This unexpected development created great excitement, and the meeting was immediately uproar. A slight delay occurred before a constable acceded to Mr. Willis's request. Meanwhile a crowd surged towards that part of the hall, and the police were somewhat roughly handled as they tried to keep the people back. Great disorder arose, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the police were able to escort Pastor Voliva and Middleton from the hall. They had, in fact, to push their way to the nearest means of exit. Mr. Willis then mounted a chair, and, waving a cane and gesticulating vigorously, he

TRIED TO ADDRESS SOME REMARKS

but what he said was not audible even to those in the immediate vicinity. So great was the disorder while this scene was being enacted that Mr. Dowie was advised that it was useless to continue, and he hurriedly left the platform, accompanied by his immediate followers. He found an outlet from the hall by a doorway into an unfrequented street. He entered a cab, which was in waiting, and was in the Hotel Australia before the crowd could get there.

For over an hour after Mr. Dowie's hasty departure a section of the audience enjoyed themselves by remaining in possession of the hall, singing and discussing the events of the night.

At the Central Police Station, to which Pastor Voliva and Middleton were taken, a charge was made against them by Mr. Willis for having used threatening language towards him in a place of public meeting.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, March 10.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C A Kincaid, I C S, on return to duty, to be Judicial Assist to the Agent to the Govr, Kathiawar.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W D Sheppard, I C S, on return to duty, to be Political Agent, Bhor.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to extend the tenure by Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, B A, of his present appointment of Oriental Translator to Govt up to the 31st March 1905.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr K A Reinold, acting District Supdt of Police, Hyderabad, are placed at the disposal of the Hon the Chief Commr of the Central Provinces.

The Govr in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—Mr F M Gadney, Assist Supdt of Police, Sukkur, to act as Dist Supdt of Police, Hyderabad, vice Mr K A Reinold, or pending further orders. Mr G H White Assist Supdt of Police, Khandesh, to act as District Supdt of Police, Panch Mahals, vice Mr J W Fellowes proceeding on leave, or pending further orders.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr G D French, I C S, on return to duty, to be Assist Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara.

Mr H G Gell, Commr of Police, Bombay, is granted, with effect from the 28th May, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it, such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date, in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to six months.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr F C O Beamon, I C S, on return to duty, to be Judge and Sessions Judge, Karachi, vice Mr M H W Hayward, LLB (Cantab), I C S, proceeding on leave.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr E Clements, I C S, on relief to act as Judge and Sessions Judge, Sukkur-Larkhana, vice Mr F X Desouza, M A, LL M (Cantab) Barrister-at-Law, I C S, proceeding leave.

The following Notification by the Government of India in the Home Department is republished for general information:—Judicial Calcutta, the 1st March.

The following officers are confirmed as Assist Cantonment Magistrate with effect from the dates noted against their names:—Capt T G P Lawrenson offig Cantonment Magistrate Deesa, 10th May 1903.

The Govr in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—Mr Jehangir Edalji Medi on return from leave to be first class subordinate Judge Surat. Mr Chimanlal Lalubhai Vakil on relief to be first class Subordinate Judge Shahapur vice Mr Ganesh Dadaji Deshmukh retiring. Mr Nanaji Vithal Atre to continue to act as first class Subordinate Judge, Thana.

Under Section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 the Govr in Council is pleased to empower Sardar Abdu Karim Khan Resident Mag Dharwar and Hubli and Mag of the First Class in the district of Dharwar to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in Section 260 of the same Code.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr Koyaji Nusserwanji Koyaji B A L L B to be Registrar of the Court of the Resident at Aden vice Khan Bahadur Muncherji Rustomji Dholu C I E retiring.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr J H E Tupper I C S has been allowed by H M Sec of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

H Exy the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr J H E Tupper B A Oxon I C S on return to duty to be Assist Collector Ahmedabad.

Karamali Ferozali late Tapadar of Mithri taluka Ghotki district Sukkur having been convicted under section 409 of the Indian Penal Code is hereby declared incapable of serving Government again in any capacity.

In modification of Government Notification No 8610 dated 7th December 1903 Mr Pestanji Rustamji Mehta M R A C is granted privelege leave of absence for two months and fourteen days with effect from 18th January 1904.

H E the Gov in Council is pleased to appoint Mr Bapuji Mahipat Kharkat on relief in Poona to be Distric Deputy Collector Thana.

H E the Gover in Council is pleased to appoint Mr E R Critchell to act as Deputy Collector and Assist Collector of of Customs and Salt Revenue in Sind vice Mr P Phillipowsky and during the absence of Mr C F D Abreo on leave or pending further orders.

H E the R Hon Lord Lamington G C M G G C I E Governor of Bombay, to be Honorary Colonel.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR T. A. SAVAGE, V. D., COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 11th March.

1. Members who have completed their Class Firing are requested to return their Arms and Accoutrements to Headquarters.

2. It is notified for information that the Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Ghat Cooper from the 21st to 26th March 1904, both days inclusive.

3. The Examination for Proficiency Certificates will take place about the 30th instant, and the Class will meet at Headquarters for instruction every Monday evening at 6 p. m.

By Order,
P H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS. BY LIEUT-COL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 11th March.

I It is notified for information that the B V A Carbine Annual Meeting will commence on the 13th instant, at Kurla when matches I and II will be fired.

Prospectus of the meeting can be had on application to Head quarters.

By Order,
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.,
Adjt. B. V. A.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

I have just received a letter from a Swiss correspondent writes a correspondent of a home paper. On the flap of the envelope are the words "Manufactured in England." Is this a case of "dumping"? Certainly not. The British manufacturer never dumps. Occasionally his woes are the cause of some of his disinterested friends getting into the "dumps," but the export of British goods can only be described as furthering the cause of Empire. No one but an abandoned American, a perfidious Prussian or some other kind of furious foreigner would ever think of dumping."

We frequently hear of the fond parent whose injunctions to his children lose their effect in face of some crushing retort from their infantile lips. The following incident, which is vouched for by its narrator, shows the other side of the medal. A virtuous though possibly ponderous parent had been informing his son and heir of the virtues of patience "Patience," he said, "will do anything. There is absolutely nothing you cannot do if only you have patience." The small boy assumed his most innocent expression. "How much patience would I want, father, if I was trying to carry water in a sieve?" For a moment the father was daunted. Then he replied with dignity. "You need only have the patience to wait until the water freezes."

The Louvre has just become possessed of a uniquely interesting relic of antiquity which will in some measure make up for the loss of the notorious Tiara, the more so that it is of undoubted authenticity if anything can be considered undoubtedly authentic nowadays. It is the primitive stele found at Abydos in 1895 by M. Amelineau and already well known as the Stele of the Serpent King. Its sculptures represent the soul of the King, symbolised by a hawk, his name by a serpent, and his place by a facade pierced by many doors. This work, which is of considerable beauty, finds its chief value in the fact that it is the most perfect and important relic of the primitive epoch, being contemporary with the First Dynasty, or long before the erection of the Pyramids. The Louvre acquired it, after a desperate struggle with the Berlin Museum, for 94,000 francs "Peace has its victories as well as war."

An American consular report dealing with the Bermuda group shows that that part of our Empire scarcely deserves any longer its Shaksperean epithet of still-vexed Bermoothes. The total area of the islands is only 18 square miles, of which the cultivated area is about 3,000 acres. These 3,000 acres, about the area of a dozen fair-sized farms, keep two lines, of steamers, well loaded with onions, flowers, and early vegetables, exporting about £100,000 worth in the season. They import almost £200 worth of goods for every cultivated acre, a considerable part of which goods, however, are consumed by the many American tourists who patronise the islands. When the season is at its height, in winter that is to say, these tourists number some 2,500. There are always in the islands about 5,000 persons connected with the garrison and their families. The entire population of the islands is about 17,500.

There are desperate deeds afoot in Albany, New York State, A fearsome contest is taking place, and Albany, to say nothing of New York, is torn between opposing factions. It is all about a house, an historic house, if you please; the house which George Washington had as his headquarters in 1776. It is known as the Jumel Mansion and the battle rages over the question as to whether the "Colonial Dames" or the "Daughters of the Revolution" shall have the care of it. The Senate Chamber at Albany, which is the capital of the State of New York, has been the battlefield, and trembling Senators have voiced the haughty claims of Dames and Daughters in turn. The Daughters were actually in possession but the Dames scored a victory, the historic house being voted to them by 32 votes to four, which may be taken as representing the average influence of wife and daughter respectively on the average senator, or may be nothing of the sort. In any case the revolted Daughters are appealing to the "Assembly," and it is whispered darkly that the bold Assemblers have already resolved to compromise the matter by handing over the Jumel Mansion to neither party, but to the Park Commissioner of New York. Heaven help them if they do, and thus bring about a union of the embittered forces against them!

The Russians who have settled in America seem to have little cause to regret the change from the material point of view. Thus we learn from a Kansas paper that at a recent wedding in one of the Russian settlements in Ellis County, the principals in which were the children of well-to-do farmers, the celebration was "garnished with 122 kegs." Commenting on this the account proceeds to inform us that the festivities of a Russian wedding extend over three days. They are occasions of dancing and drinking and feasting. A drink which is served to the women, but scorned by the men, is composed of tea and whisky in equal parts. It is as wicked as the Western drink known as "stone fence," made of equal parts of whisky and cider. At the wedding festivities the bride is expected to dance with the men one after another until she drops with fatigue. It is a matter of pride with the brides to keep going as long as possible and it is not unusual to find a bride dancing as gay as any of them after three days and nights of vigorous frolic. When a girl is dancing with a man she always holds his pipe: it would be regarded as extremely rude if a man should continue to smoke his pipe while dancing with a girl. Some of the more punctilious of the Russian beaux go to the length of knocking the fire out of their pipes on their heels before handing the pipes to the girls, but this is frowned upon as being superelegant, as well as wasteful of tobacco.

Larchmont, a fashionable suburb of New York City has the distinction of possessing a volunteer fire brigade, quite unconnected in the fact with the boiling composed of wealthy citizens—several of them millionaires. The brigade is no ornamental, time-killing organisation (says the "Wide World Magazine"), but a very efficient fighting force, and one of the most effective volunteer fire organisations in America. Here the trust magnate vies with his clerk, the landed proprietor with his labourer. The chief officer is a multi-millionaire, who although treating the brigade as a hobby like many others, never relaxes his adherence to rigid discipline nor shirks the dangers that his duty entails.

According to an advertisement in a Paris paper, a company has just been formed, with a capital of £14,000 to establish a cemetery for domestic pets. A tomb may be rented for about 4s. a year, and the cemetery is divided into separate enclosures for dogs, cats, birds, and "miscellaneous animals."

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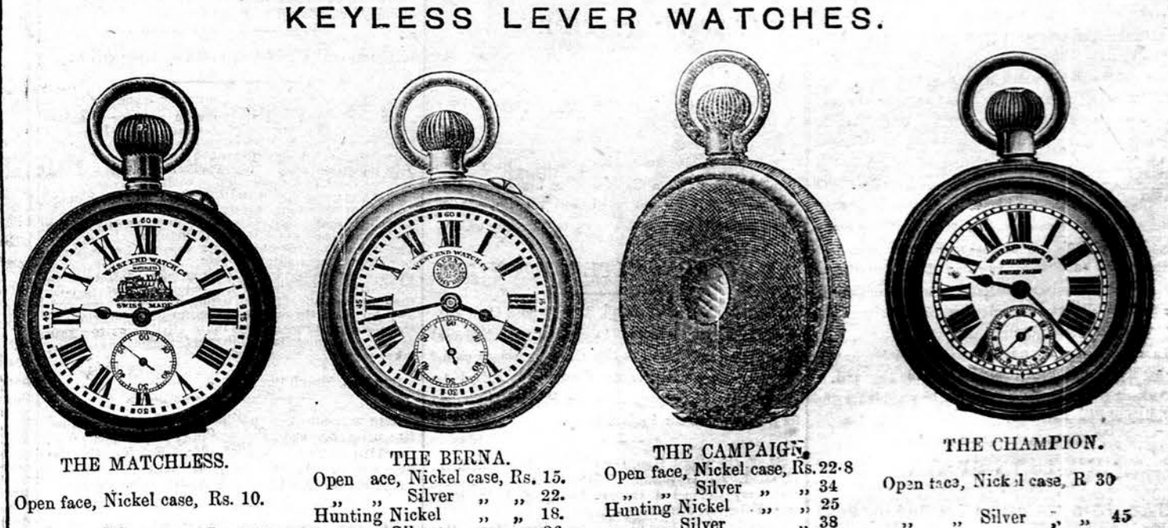

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PURELY PERSONAL.

MEMBERS of all shades of opinion in the House of Commons were delighted to see, by their Sunday and Monday morning papers, says "M. A. P." that Mr. Balfour was so far convalescent as to be able to make the London to Brighton journey, and to take up his quarters for a while at Mr. Reuben Sassoon's beautiful house in King's Gardens, Hove. Mr. Balfour took a couple of hours' outing in a bathchair on Sunday which was fortunately beautifully fine down here—I am writing from Brighton. And the wind though keen enough, was westerly, both morning and evening, when the Premier was twice wheeled out for an hour's instalment of the open air he loves so much, and has lately breathed so little.

Mr. Balfour's health is apt to recall to one what Carlyle wrote of his wife's determination. It was as weak as wet string, he said, and also as tough and unbreakable. So with the Premier's stamina, which friends and foes thought completely sapped as far back as the days of his Irish Secretary-ship. Much, however, has happened since then, and since a certain adventure of Mr. Balfour's at a big semi-political party of the period, concerning which I have been told this story by the lady who was his hostess. He came in late, looking very languid and ill, said the great lady to whom I owe the anecdote. Of course, he was the observed of all observers. But after a few words of greeting to me, he slipped away into a far corner—almost slunk away. After a while, of course, he was left very much to himself. I had the woman's curiousity to steal a glance at him half-an-hour later. And what do you think he was doing? Feeling his own pulse by his watch, and taking his temperature with a tiny thermometer!"

Twice was the Duke of Norfolk's marriage postponed. On the first occasion it was put off on account of the King's having fixed a Chapter of the Garter for the same day—a Chapter which, after all, did not take place. The second postponement was due to the sad and sudden death of the Duke's aunt, Lady Adeliza Manners. She was an interesting personality in the London world, as a daughter of the thirteenth Duke of Norfolk, by his wife, nee Lady Charlotte Leveson Gower, daughter of the first Duke of Sutherland. Her marriage with Lord George Manners took place in 1855, and she was a widow for thirty years.

In those days, the religious differences of a "mixed marriage" were arranged by the boys being brought up in their father's faith, and the girls in that of their mother. Hence, Lady Adeliza Manners, although a daughter of the House of Howard, was all her life a somewhat rigid Protestant. She was a stately lady of the old school, with a high-bred face, and a refined and dignified manner. She had several sons, and one daughter, who remained unmarried. One of her sons has been a public benefactor in a minor way to commercial London, for he is responsible for that admirable institution, the District Messenger Company. Another son started an evening newspaper, which appeared at the advanced hour of ten p.m. It was called "The Latest," and apparently did not fill a want, for it soon became "the late." Lady Adeliza Manners lost her youngest son only a year or two ago. He died on board ship, during a voyage to South Africa.

A few days after his birthday, recently Wilson Barrett returns to town from his annual and ever-welcome season at the Theatre Royal, Brighton. Owing to his inability at present to secure a West-end theatre, wherein to produce new plays and receive old favourites, he has arranged for a short suburban season. He will make his first appearance at the Shakespeare Theatre on Monday, February 22nd, and will divide the week between The Sign of the Cross and The Silver King—which, by the way, recently attained its twenty first birthday—with a matinee of his own new comedy, In the Middle of June, on the Wednesday. This will be followed by a fortnight at Mr. Mulholland's beautiful King's Theatre, where he will revive Claudian on an unparalleled scale of scenic splendour in celebration of its coming of age.

Widely and deservedly popular, both in and out of business, is Sir Thomas Dewar, who tells readers this week of a delightfully boyish boyhood. If, perhaps, Sir Thomas had more than the proverbial half-a-crown in his pocket when he came to London, he had a hard struggle for a footing. Surely even the staunchest teetotaler among "M. A. P." readers will appreciate the qualities of grit, foresight, and tenacity which enabled the young Scotsman to achieve his object, and to become, into the bargain, County Councillor, Sheriff, and Member of Parliament for the huge city in which, as he says, he at first felt himself an Ishmaelite.

Sir Thomas is a tall, fine-looking man, dark of hair, eye, and moustache, and possessed of no little personal charm of manner and address. A follower of the Turf—who never bets—he owned a Derby favourite some years ago in "Forfarshire." The horse, an unlucky one, did not, as a matter of history, win. Perhaps it was as well for "the trade" was on it to a man, and had determined to do ample justice to a victory! Whatever the sport, racing, shooting, yachting, motoring, Sir Thomas follows it for sport's sake, and always "plays the game."

The tour round the world to which Sir Thomas alludes resulted in his writing a most readable and entertaining account of his experiences entitled "A Ramble Round the Globe," of which a new edition—the seventh, I believe—is about to be published.

Here is a little anecdote from "A Ramble Round the Globe": "I was going through a 'prohibition' State, and tried to get some whisky from the conductor of the train, but without success. 'Can't do it, boss; we're in a prohibition State, and I can't do it. However, he eventually advised me to try at a store at the next stopping place, and this I did. 'Do you sell whisky?' 'Are you sick, mister, or got a medical certificate?' 'No.' 'Then I can't do it. See, this is a prohibition State, so I can't sell it; but I reckon our cholera mixture'll about fix you. Try a bottle of that.' I did, but to my great astonishment received a very familiar bottle, which, although it was labelled on one side 'Cholera Mixture; a wineglassful to be taken every two hours, or oftener as required,' had upon the other side the well-known label of a firm of Scotch whisky distillers, whose name modesty requires me to suppress."

In their personalities authors not infrequently fail to realise expectations one has founded upon their works. But Mr. Richard Whiteing is very much what one imagined the writer of such remarkable books as "No. 5 John Street" and the newly-published "Yellow Van" would be. That is to say, he is a powerful and original character in whom seemingly warring elements coalesce into a brilliant and harmonious whole. He is intensely virile, yet all woman in tenderness and sympathy; a Socialist whose fingers itch to be at the flaccid throat of Capital, yet an upholder of God and King; a playful humorist and as savage a satirist as Swift; a dreamer of beautiful dreams and a practical man of the world. Above all, a man of letters of whom one might say, as Edouard Rod says of Edmund Gosse: "For him literature is neither a taste, nor a profession, nor an exercise, but a condition of existence. He lives in it and for it.

A fitting frame contains this many-faceted mind. Tall, strongly built, silvered of hair, moustache, and beard, with dark grey, tempestuous eyes, a strong nose, and a fine brow, Mr. Whiteing would be a notable figure anywhere. He talks as he writes, in pungent, polished sentences, bristling with thought and epigram. It was natural, perhaps, that my conversation with him should drift from the weather to the day of Judgment. He believes that at the dread assize there will be naught but one vast, tremendous peal of strident laughter—the laughter of mortals at incredible the folly of their lives. To turn to lighter topics.

Recently Mr. Whiteing moved into a new house, an experience which he describes as the direst he was ever had. For it involved a sort of unwilling review of his past life. From cupboards, desks, and drawers were exhumed the grim corpses of still-born projects, of abortive aims and endeavours, of events which he thought were buried for ever.

Among these cremains were his first literary efforts, the virgin charms of which were never hawked about Fleet Street because—but one must hark back. London born and bred, Mr. Whiteing began life as a pupil of the late Benjamin Wyon, Medallist and Chief Engraver of Her Majesty's seals, and was an engraver for some twelve years or so. Always he wrote, but was too timid to submit any of his productions to an editor. To see himself in print was an entrancing day-dream, never he thought, likely to be realised. Mr. James Greenwood indirectly led to Mr. Whiteing's taking the first plunge into literary waters. In 1866 the first of the Amateur Casual's articles (A Night in a Doss House) appeared in the "Pall Mall Gazette." It excited great interest. Mr. Whiteing read it, and a friend of his, who also had literary yearnings, suggested that each should try his hand at something in the nature of a counterpart, to be entitled "A Night in Belgrave Square. By a Costermonger"—the articles being intended only for mutual edification and comparison. The friend did not fulfil his part of the compact, and acting upon a sudden impulse, Mr. Whiteing sent "A Night in Belgrave Square" to the "Evening Star." To his amazement and delight it was published at once, and the day-dream became a solid concrete fact.

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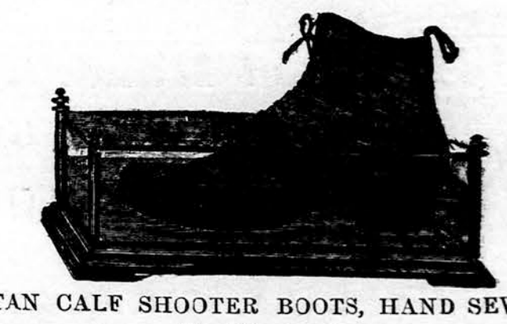

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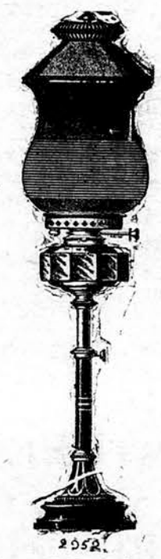

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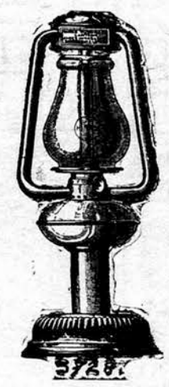

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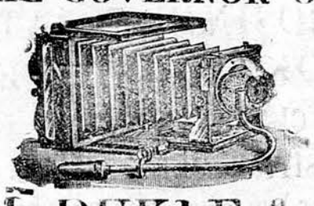

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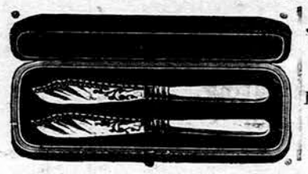

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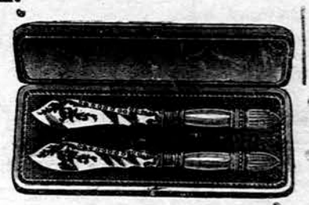

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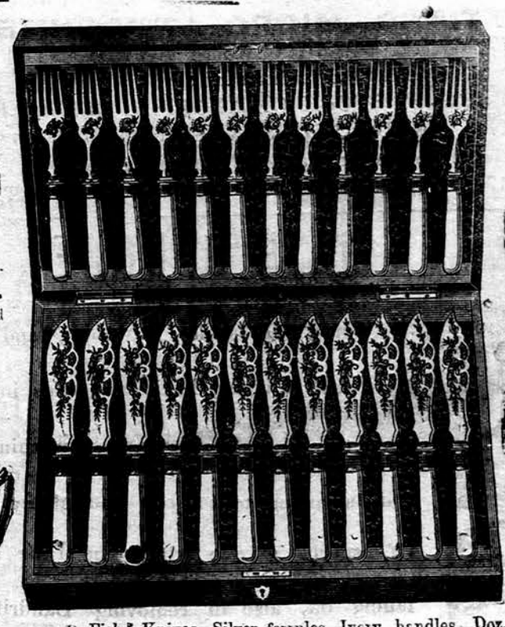

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